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COMMENT OF THE DAY

SHIPPING PLIGHT

THE statement by Mr R. D. Roper, President of the United Kingdom Chamber of Shipping, that more than 140 ships are laid up in British ports lends emphasis to the present plight of world shipping.

The lay-up, not only in Britain but in other countries as well, is attributable mainly to rates, both for tankers and dry freight, being lower than at any time since the end of the Second World War. With the continued decline in these rates, owners are turning their thoughts to means of stabilising the freight market.

Tankers

THE tanker situation is unlikely to improve in the near future, mitigating factors being the slow rise in demand for oil and the high level of deliveries of new tankers over the next five years.

In the dry freight market reports indicate that modern standard-size ships are prominent among those laid up, especially in the United Kingdom. Week by week more and more of them are being put into mothballs or are being sent for repairs earlier than previously planned.

Mr. Roper states that "depressed foreign markets and laid-up tonnage have inevitably led to suggestions for measures of mutual co-operation."

Two Schemes

THEREABOUT, two stabilisation schemes have so far been mooted but not approved. The first is under consideration by the Greek Shipowners' Co-operation Association, which calls for a mass lay-up of tonnage under the control of a general chartering committee.

Under the scheme, enquiries for charters would go through this body which would allocate them to active tonnage and would impose a levy to compensate those ships that are now and in future will be idle.

Another scheme is based on the Tonnage Stabilisation Scheme created six years ago under the auspices of the U.K. Chamber of Shipping, which, in its main features, resembles the Greek scheme.

Main Problem

THE main problem, however, is whether any scheme is likely to be given support by the great majority of owners. The Greek scheme is likely to be resisted by some London Greek owners and to be looked at askance by operators who would dislike co-operation with the tax-free "flags of convenience" shipping.

On the other hand, it must be remembered that Greek shipping interests now control about 60 per cent of the world's merchant and tanker fleets. Without their support the British or any other scheme could be ineffective.

Mutual co-operation is certain to be one of the major items on the agenda at the conference of the International Chamber of Shipping next month. Some workable scheme has to be devised if shipping is to keep its head above the disastrous slump which crippled the industry in the middle 'twenties.

WILLING TO MEET IN US

Washington, Mar. 16. Soviet Ambassador, Mikhail Menshikov, said today that Russian leaders "would be willing to come either to Washington or some other place in the United States" for a summit conference.

Menshikov, who was replying to students in a televised interview, said he was sure that Soviet First Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev would come to the United States for talks with President Eisenhower if invited, but added: "It is for Mr Khrushchev to answer."

Referring to the summit conference, Menshikov reaffirmed that his Government wanted it to be held "as soon as possible."

PREFERRED

"If the Government of the United States preferred to have it in the United States, we would be willing to come either to Washington or some other part of the United States suitable to the Government of the United States," he said.

The Soviet Ambassador added that it would be useless to put the preparations for the conference in the hands of the United Nations, since such negotiations "do not produce proper results."

Questioned on the German reunification problem, Menshikov stated that this was not a matter for the summit conference.

"It is a question to be discussed among the Germans themselves," he declared.—France-Press.

'ASSASSINS' AFTER REBELS?

Singapore, Mar. 16. Singapore Police are investigating newspaper reports of four Indonesian "assassins" who are claimed to have entered the colony with the intention of killing the rebel Central Sumatran Press Chief, Mr. Des Alwi, and a rebel officer, Major Jan Pantouw.

The two rebels are passing through Singapore on their way to Sumatra.

Police said that so far the reports seemed to be "only rumors." The Straits Times said today that the four killers were believed to have arrived in Singapore from Jakarta by air a few days ago. They described themselves as businessmen, the Times said.

Mr. Des Alwi said that while he and Major Pantouw were in Manila recently, they were trailed by three bogus moral rearmament representatives. "But we can defend ourselves," he told reporters. "Our friends have assured us of all necessary protection."—Reuter.

Nuclear Tests

Adelaide, Mar. 17. Plans are being drawn up for the first test of a British nuclear warhead to be fired in a guided missile at Maralinga (atomic weapons proving ground in South Australia), the Adelaide News said today.

The newspaper said that it understood that the plan involved detonation of an atomic weapon at a great height.

Caltex Expected To Resume Operation Soon

Tokyo, Mar. 17. Combined armed forces of the Central Indonesian Government have captured a key oil terminal in Central Sumatra and some Jakarta forces predicted that the US Caltex Oil firm will be able to resume "operation as usual soon," it was reported today.

Gronchi To Dissolve Parliament

Rome, Mar. 17. President Giovanni Gronchi today moved to dissolve parliament and call a general election.

Informal sources said an official announcement was expected during the day.

Signor Gronchi, most political active President in Italy's post-war history, was expected to summon the Christian Democratic Premier, Adone Zoli, during the morning to have him counter-sign the dissolution decrees.

Although the Presidential Palace maintained secrecy over the weekend on the election move, President Gronchi was reported already decided on dissolution of both Houses of parliament.

General elections would automatically follow within 60 to 70 days.

BITTER CAMPAIGN

Political observers said that May 25 appeared the most likely Sunday for the start of balloting. The elections generally run for two consecutive days.

Premier Zoli's staunchly pro-Western Party faces a bitter campaign.

The governing Christian Democratic Party has progressively lost strength since it came to power in the first post-war general elections of 1948.

But it is still tipped to emerge as the most potent single party in Italy after the coming year, although a return to a coalition regime may be forced on it.

The Christian Democrats abandoned their coalition with smaller moderate groups 10 months ago and now stand isolated. The Party has no known that they concern precise problems involving the evacuation of the 22,000 French troops based in Tunisia; the control of French-held airfields; the closing of French consulates; and the expulsion of French citizens.

SECURITY POLICE

Paris, Mar. 16. Reinforcements of special security police (CRS) and mobile country police units began coming into Paris today in view of demonstrations expected during the coming week, an authoritative source said.

The Paris police staged a vast demonstration for wage increases last Thursday, which led to the resignation of the Paris Prefect of Police, Andre Lahloune. He was immediately succeeded by Maurice Papon, formerly Prefect of Constantine.

The Communist Party has called for an "anti-Fascist" mass rally in Paris next week.—France-Press.

The Indonesian Antara News Agency, in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo today, reported an official spokesman of the Central Government's Army as saying "Indonesian combined armed forces have occupied and cleared of rebels Slink Sri Indrapura."

The town, "an important oil terminal in Central Sumatra," was captured on Friday, the agency reported the spokesman as saying. The capture of Slink Sri Indrapura, on the Slink River about half way between Pekanbaru and the North coast of Sumatra, "has given the Central Government troops complete control over the logistical line between Pekanbaru and Central Sumatra's coast," he was further reported as saying.

Occupation

The Agency reported "other sources" as saying the occupation of Slink Sri Indrapura and other towns such as Pekanbaru (site of a Central Government forces' paratroop landing), Dumai, Rumbak, Singa Pagan, and Bengkalis "will enable the California Texas Oil Company (Caltex) which has its operations in that area to resume its operations as usual soon."

The agency said that meanwhile, reports reaching Jakarta from Central Sumatra said "the Padang rebels are at present facing an acute shortage of gasoline."

The agency said this was "a consequence of the recapture of virtually the whole petroleum area of Central Sumatra by Central Government troops."

Casualties

In its report on the Central Sumatra fighting, however, the agency today made no mention of casualties nor did it give any details of what fighting might have taken place.

Neither did it mention a mutiny in Medan, North Sumatra, where, according to Revolutionary sources in Singapore, the airport was captured by rebel-led troops after heavy fighting.—United Press.

Counter-Proposals May Solve Franco-Tunisian Crisis

By JEAN MAURIAU

Tunis, Mar. 16. French acceptance of the Tunisian counter-proposals the Anglo-American good offices team is carrying back to Paris could pave the way for a settlement in the bitter six-week-old Franco-Tunisian crisis, diplomatic sources said here tonight.

Both Tunisian and Anglo-American circles refused to disclose any details on the secret proposals. However, it is known that they concern precise problems involving the evacuation of the 22,000 French troops based in Tunisia; the control of French-held airfields; the closing of French consulates; and the expulsion of French citizens.

SECRET PLAN

Informal diplomatic sources, however, indicated the secret proposals plan for:

- ★ A time-table for the evacuation of the troops.
- ★ A statement announcing Tunisian sovereignty over the giant French naval and air base of Bizerte, put providing for the base's eventual status to be discussed once France and Tunisia have resumed negotiations.

- ★ The airfields would be controlled by an Anglo-American observation mission.
- ★ Either the reopening of the French consulates in Tunisia, or the extension of jurisdiction to cover the areas now lacking French consular representation.

★ The case of each of the more than 800 French citizens expelled from Tunisia would be examined individually.

★ The guarding of the Algerian-Tunisian border is the responsibility of the French Army in Algeria, the Tunisian government feels.—France-Press.

Packed Bus Overturns

San Juan Del Rio, Mar. 16. A bus en route to Mexico City with nearly 80 persons aboard went out of control on a curve near here today and overturned.

Police said at least eight persons were killed and 70 were injured critically.

They said the brakes failed on the bus which was travelling to the capital from Queretaro.

The bus driver, Angel Boerri, was among those injured, the police said.—United Press.

BEHEADED WIFE'S FATHER?

Damascus, Mar. 16. King Saud of Saudi Arabia has reportedly beheaded his father-in-law, Asaad Ibrahim, for failing to carry through his "plot" against the United Arab Republic, the Syrian An-Nasr newspaper said today.

An-Nasr quoted as its source an unidentified traveller from Saudi Arabia.

Egypt and Syria newspapers have alleged that Asaad Ibrahim was the chief instigator of a plot against the U.A.R. They said that he was at Beirut when the plot was uncovered and that he fled to Saudi Arabia to avoid pursuit by the Arab authorities.—France-Press.

Fuchs & Party Receive Heroes' Welcome

Wellington, Mar. 16. Dr. Vivian Fuchs and his triumphant Trans-Antarctic team steamed into Wellington Harbour on board the supply ship Endeavour today to a heroes' welcome.

Wives and relatives of the team caught the first glimpse of the sustained explorers from the Danish icebreaker Magda Dan, which accompanied the Endeavour into port.

From the bridge of the Magda Dan, Mrs. Joyce Fuchs spoke to her husband by radio telephone.

FIRST CITY

Despite gales and heavy seas on the voyage from Scott Base, the 1,000-ton Endeavour arrived on time at Wellington—the first city which the 12-man expedition has seen since its 99-day cross-Antarctic trek.

The Endeavour steamed into harbour with jet planes screaming overhead in salute and ships' sirens setting up a deafening chorus of welcome.

Thousands of Wellington's citizens crowded the waterfront to give Dr. Fuchs and his party a heroes' welcome.—Reuter.

IRISHMEN CLASH IN SOHO AS DE VALERA ATTENDS CHURCH

London, Mar. 16.

A slogan-shouting crowd of more than 1,000 Irishmen held a St Patrick's eve demonstration in Soho Square tonight while Mr Eamon De Valera, Prime Minister of the Republic of Ireland, attended Mass in St Patrick's Church, Soho.

Two rival groups of demonstrators clashed in the streets and more than 100 police—some of them mounted—were called to quell the disturbance.

Police sealed off the Square and gradually cleared it, breaking up several fights.

Many of the Irishmen were detained and seven were later charged at West End Central Police Station.

Supporters

The clashes were believed to be between supporters of Mr De Valera and men of the Irish National Union, a London-based organization which supports the militant Irish Republican Army.

Mr De Valera was in London to attend a St. Patrick's Day dinner here. He was expected to stay for three days.

Tonight several hundred of the Soho demonstrators came down Dean Street, leading to Soho Square, waving green, white and yellow flags of the Republic and shouting slogans. Mounted police and foot police with arms linked struggled to clear the road and banded several of the demonstrators into police vans.

Demonstrators rocked a van, threw bottles and kicked a police inspector.

Later while-armed leaders, wearing green ties and shouting "follow the flag" organized a march and headed it towards Hyde Park.

Cheering Crowd

Outside the church a crowd of 1,000—mostly pro-De Valera—gathered. The 70-year-old Irish Prime Minister's car was surrounded by a cheering crowd and police had to force a way through to open the door.

Church dignitaries in purple and white greeted him and he waved to the crowd, ignoring shouts of "what about the men in Curragh" and a chant of "Curragh, Curragh" from some of the crowd.

The shouts referred to the detention of political prisoners in the Irish Republic.

Towards the end of the church service, the St. Patrick's eve crowd outside sang traditional hymns.

When Mr. De Valera left the church the singing turned into mixed cheers and boos. Shouts of "String him up" and "Get Him To A Lamp Post" were drowned in cheers.

The seven Irishmen arrested were charged with intent to provoke a breach of the peace.—Reuter.

PRISONERS INJURED

Dublin, Mar. 16. Sources close to the clandestine Irish Republican Army, stated in Dublin on Sunday night, that 30 of the 140 IRA internees in Belfast, most were seriously injured on Thursday when they fought with Commando police, rushed to the prison after an escape plan had been discovered.

The prisoners refused to allow themselves to be searched after an almost completed escape tunnel had been discovered, the source said. "The injured are in the prison hospital," France-Press.

Two-Day Battle

Algiers, Mar. 16. French troops fought a two-day battle with an Algerian rebel convoy, intercepted yesterday, at Ait Essahla, eastern Algeria, it was announced here today.

Altogether 47 rebels were killed in sharp fighting, in which planes and helicopters supported the French ground forces, French military sources said.

Fighting lasted all day yesterday and today.—France-Press.

FEAR OF DE GAULLE CONSOLIDATES GAILLARD'S CABINET

Paris, Mar. 16.

Three leading coalition parties agreed today not to overthrow Premier Felix Gaillard at this tense political juncture in France. But they submitted conditions that can precipitate a Cabinet crisis at any time.

The Socialists, middle of the road Popular Republicans (MRP) and right-wing Independents, wound up Party Congresses today while 700,000 voters went to the polls in elections to the National Assembly by-elections regarded as a test of strength between supporters and enemies of the Republican regime.

The Socialists, Independents and MRP, who have widely divergent policies, appeared ready last week to let their Government coalition disintegrate.

DEMONSTRATION

But last Thursday, a Fascist-style demonstration by 7,000 Paris policemen—who beat up 52 of their superiors who had tried to restrain them and then besieged the National Assembly for three hours—raised fears in coalition circles that it would be unwise to overthrow the Government now.

The three groups, however, adopted virtually irreconcilable political programmes.

While the right-wing Independents called for a stiff policy in North Africa, the Socialists and MRP urged more reforms to contain the mounting nationalist tide.

The three major Parties are bound together by the common fear of a strong man—General Charles de Gaulle—or of a Communist-led Popular Front coalition. The Communists have been kept out of the Government since 1947.—United Press.

Communists Defeated In By-Elections

Paris, Mar. 16.

Communist candidates for election to the National Assembly were defeated in two by-elections today. In the Nièvre (central France) constituency, the "Near Socialist" candidate, Dr. Louis Dubois, backed by the Socialist vote, defeated the Communist candidate by 43,639 votes against 39,225 while a Gaullist candidate polled 18,052 votes, some fifty per cent more than the Gaullist obtained in the general elections of 1955.

The Communist vote was ten per cent heavier than in 1955.

INCONCLUSIVE

In the second Paris constituency the first ballot today was inconclusive, but left the Centre Right-wing candidate, M. Albert Thomas, well ahead of the Communist.

In both elections abstentions were heavy, being over thirty per cent in the Nièvre and approximately forty per cent in Paris.

Conclusions drawn from these results by French observers were that there was a tendency for their extremist candidates, Communist and Gaullist, to improve their position in comparison to two years ago owing to feeling over the hostilities in Algeria.—Reuter.

US ARMY SHOTS 'CONFETTI' INTO SPACE

Washington, Mar. 16. The Army revealed today that it was shooting "aluminum confetti" to altitudes of nearly 54 miles in an effort to unlock secrets of the winds of the upper atmosphere.

The information obtained will help in firing a long-range ballistic missile on target and in developing new theories of weather forecasting, the Army said.

Army scientists are conducting the tests at White Sands, New Mexico, and Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. They fire "small" 100 lb. rockets which carry packages of an aluminum shell. At a pre-

determined altitude the shell is released and tracked by radar.

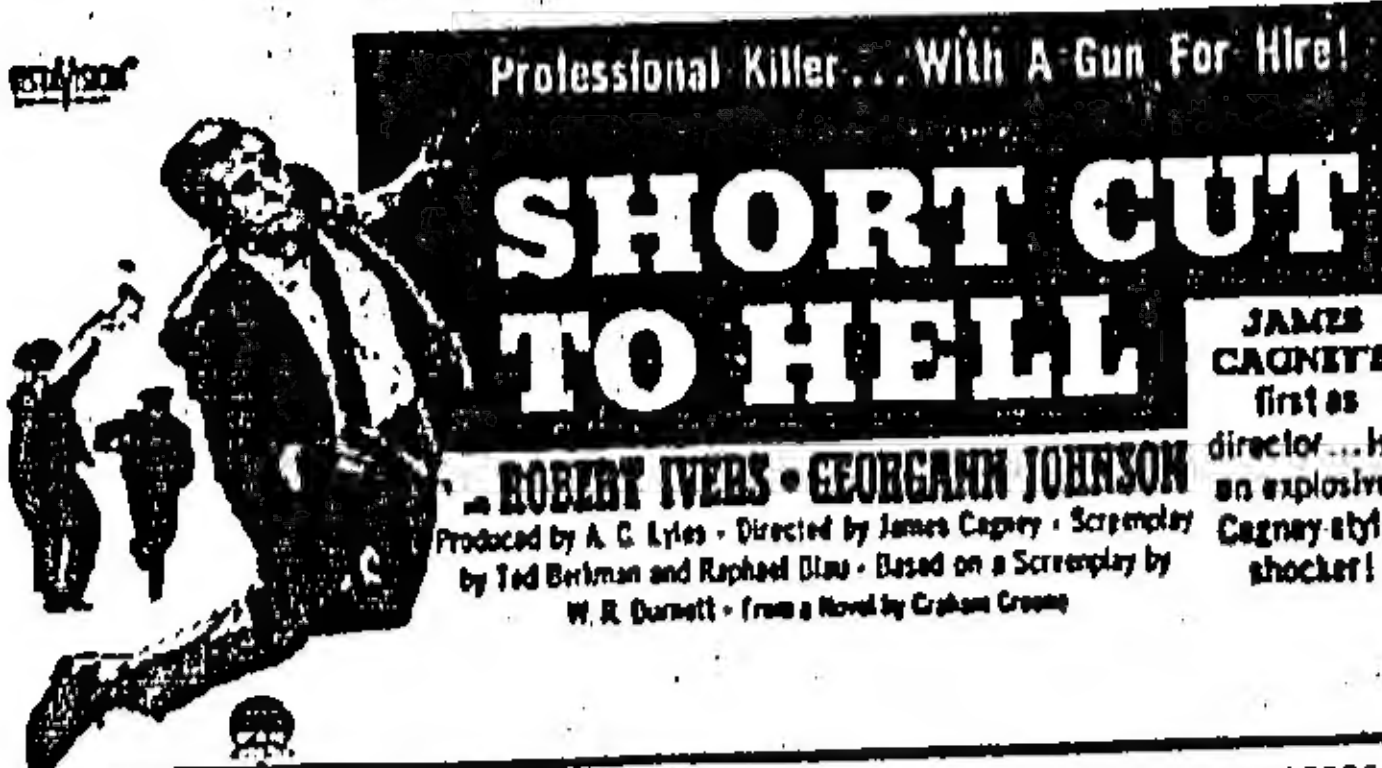
The scientists said the winds in the test zones generally were easterly and moved at about the same speeds as the so-called "jet stream." The jet stream moves west and is found at altitudes of 24,000 to 49,000 feet.—United Press.

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Two Cousins
Who Read
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Other's Minds

London, Mar. 16.
The former President of the National Society for Physical Research said today that he had found two cousins who could read each other's minds.

Dr Samuel Soal said 10-year-old Glyn Jones, of Chapel Curig, Wales, correctly identified 25 picture cards "thought" at him by his cousin, Ieuan Jones, also 10.

"The odds against this happening by chance was 923,360,473,125,120 to one," said Dr Soal.

Dr Soal described experiments with the cousins similar to those carried out at Duke University in the United States. The two boys were separated, sometimes in separate rooms, sometimes by screens, sometimes across a field and out of sight of each other.

An impartial observer sat by each boy.

CONCENTRATE

Ieuan would watch Dr Soal or an assistant turn over picture cards. He would concentrate on the pictures but say nothing.

At his post, Glyn, with another observer, would try to guess the picture cards in the correct order as they were revealed to Ieuan.

"The normal guesser would get only five right on the average, and could probably sit calling out cards all his life before he once fluked even 12 or 13 correct guesses out of the 25," said Dr Soal.

However, Glyn often scored 23 or 24 correct guesses in the 25-card sequences and hundreds of times picked 17 or 18 cards right, Dr Soal said.

"I have never come across results like this," he said. Dr Soal said he had been experimenting with the two boys for about three years.

United Press.

CHARLIE KUNZ DIES

London, Mar. 16.
American-born pianist Charlie Kunz, whose unique rhythm and highly personal style had charmed British radio audiences for 35 years, died today at his home at Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, after a short illness.

Kunz, who was 61, came to England in 1922 for a two months tour and stayed ever since. His popularity reached its peak before the Second World War, but his intimate interpretations of all the light music of the day kept him a firm favourite with BBC listeners until the end.

France-Press.

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London's Rise In Crime: The Reason

London, Mar. 16.
LONDON'S police chief tonight blamed television, movies, the press and insurance for an increase in crime in recent years.

Sir John Nott-Bower, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, made his accusations in a television interview. "I think not only the television films but I think the press and the cinema, all forms of publicity nowadays, seem to concentrate a great deal of attention on crime and violence of all sorts, and I can't help thinking that that has a bad effect, particularly on young impressionable minds," Sir John said.

An increase in crime in London started in late 1955, he said—about the time that commercial television, less restrained than BBC, came into being in this country.—United Press.

PEKING 4,000 VOW TO REFORM IN THEIR POLITICS

By JACK GEE

Peking, Mar. 16.
About 4,000 members of China's "democratic" parties vowed at a meeting in Peking Square today to "reform our political standpoint and take a socialist path under Communist leadership."

Kuo Mo-jo, non-party president of the Academy of Sciences, urged them to speedily "remould and transform themselves from bourgeois into workers."

Carrying red banners, massive coloured portraits of Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the People's Republic, and waving tiny flags, the demonstrators later trudged through the rain-soaked streets of the capital.

Why Marriages Break Down — A Survey

London, Mar. 16.
Immaturity, meanness and jealousy cause most marriage breakdowns, according to Dr C. P. Blacker, London Hospital physician and government adviser on medical questions.

Dr Blacker, writing in the medical journal, the Lancet, said immaturity took two forms—timidity and personal inferiority or else a selfishness which blinds the subject to the claims of others.

Dr Blacker said he had been astounded at the amount of physical ill-treatment a wife will endure provided the husband later expressed regret. "Very different is her reaction to intractable meanness or jealousy," he added. "These are felt to be despicable traits forming an integral part of the man's nature."

Between 65 and 75 per cent of all men and women make good "general purpose" spouses no matter whom they married, Dr Blacker estimated.

Another 25-35 per cent require "a special kind of spouse and about one to three per cent are 'next to impossible' as marriage partners in any circumstances."

Dr Blacker is vice-chairman of the International Planned Parenthood Federation.—China Mail Special.

THE US NAVY STANDS BY

Singapore, Mar. 16.
The United States destroyers Nicholas and Philip today replaced the destroyers Eversole and Shelton in the American Naval squadron at present in Singapore.

The other ship in the squadron is the heavy cruiser Bremerton. The United States Navy Department has said that the squadron is available for the evacuation of American nationals from Indonesia should that become necessary.—Reuter.

Airline Strike

London, Mar. 16.
KLM flights between London and Amsterdam are expected to be halted tomorrow due to a strike of pilots which threatens to begin at midnight tonight.

Negotiations took place today between the pilots' association and the airline management over a dispute on policy.—Reuter.

US Will 'Definitely' Launch Satellite In Near Future

Washington, Mar. 16.
Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker said today the United States has definite plans to launch a satellite at the moon "soon." He said the attempt would be made "not too many months ahead."

Brucker also declared that the Russians, who have been working on a moon project "for years," will "have to hustle" if they want to beat this country in the race. The Secretary, appearing on the ABC-TV programme, "College News Conference," said he also expected the US to put a camera-carrying satellite in orbit around the earth "within a year."

In the more immediate future, he said the Army was preparing to launch a second Explorer satellite from Cape Canaveral, Florida. When asked whether the launching would be attempted this week, he replied: "You're sure getting close."

Brucker discussed the US moon project when he was asked whether the Army's Jupiter-C rocket could reach the moon.

"We are confident of its competency and I am sure it can undertake the thrust that would push something up in the direction of the moon, and that right soon."

Soon

Reminded of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles' recent statement that he expected Russia to beat this country to the moon, Brucker said at that point that "They'll have to hustle if they get there first."

"Does that mean we have plans for getting there?" "It means that we have definite plans at the Advance Research Project Agency, under the direction of the Secretary of Defence, to launch in not too many months ahead."

Brucker drew a distinction between firing a rocket to the moon and "pushing something" toward the earth's natural satellite.

He said the attempt would not involve "launching a missile at the moon, but something that will project at that direction." He then was asked whether the Jupiter missile would be used.

"Whatever missile it would be would have to have the thrust big enough to have the satellite—or the thing that's called the satellite—state along to the place where it gets to the moon," he said.

"Once it gets to the upper atmosphere the resistance is very much less and so we feel the Jupiter does have the characteristics of doing that, and that right soon."

Advances

Brucker said the United States now has the rocket power to launch a "very large satellite." Asked whether it would be in the range of Russia's half-ton Sputnik II, he said "we are aiming in the direction of something in that nature."

In this connection, he said the Army's missile experts have "made advances" ever since the launching of Explorer I on January 31.

Brucker said the next satellite to be launched by the Army from Cape Canaveral would be "more sophisticated" than Explorer I. For one thing, he said, its radio transmitter would have a longer life.

He explained that this was possible because the satellite would gather information on its trips around the earth but hold the data until it arrived at "places where ground stations will get it."

He said it would not be transmitting all the time and thus would last "a great deal longer."

Brucker said the Army would "work with and get along with" Defence Secretary Neil H. McElroy's order of last week limiting it to operation of shorter range missiles. He said it did not limit the Army in production of its long-range missiles.—United Press.

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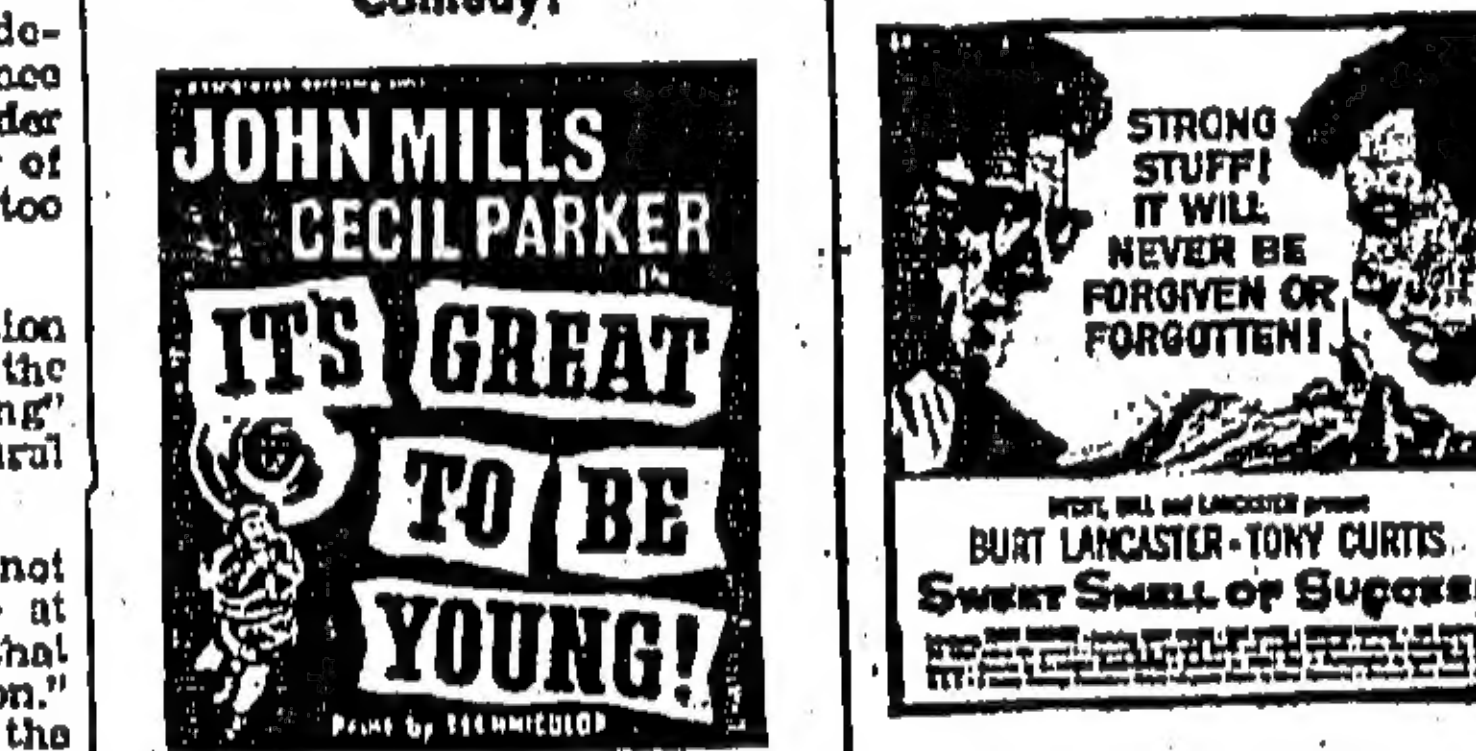


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CABLE BRIEFS

Jacksonville, Mar. 16. An unidentified housewife had questions to the point when lightning set off the City's air raids when yesterday two hours after a tornado alert had been called off.

She telephoned police: "Is it a tornado or an air raid? Should I duck or run?"—United Press.

Cardiff, Mar. 16. Mrs Joan Mickson, 27, knew her own mind when she insured herself in 1950 against having a second set of twins.

She was right, too, and the insurance company paid off yesterday to the tune of £100 for her second set of twins in two years.—United Press.

Milwaukee, Mar. 16. The Milwaukee School of Engineering has elected its man to reign over St. Patrick's Day Celebrations.

His name: Dene Soteropoulos.—United Press.

London, Mar. 16. Austerity appears to be taking over again in Britain.

Civil servants today protested the government's refusal to give them free tea towels and pots for use during mid-morning tea breaks.—United Press.

Laurel, Mar. 16. "I Yam What I Yam" will no longer be the cry heard in Laurel, Mississippi.

A law makes it illegal to grow yams in Laurel for the next two years. It's part of an anti-potato weevil campaign.—United Press.

"The Sack" & Jeans Reach Leningrad

London, Mar. 16. The sack line and jeans have reached Leningrad, Moscow Radio reported today.

In a broadcast to Britain, Dora Maklshin described a visit to a Leningrad fashion show.

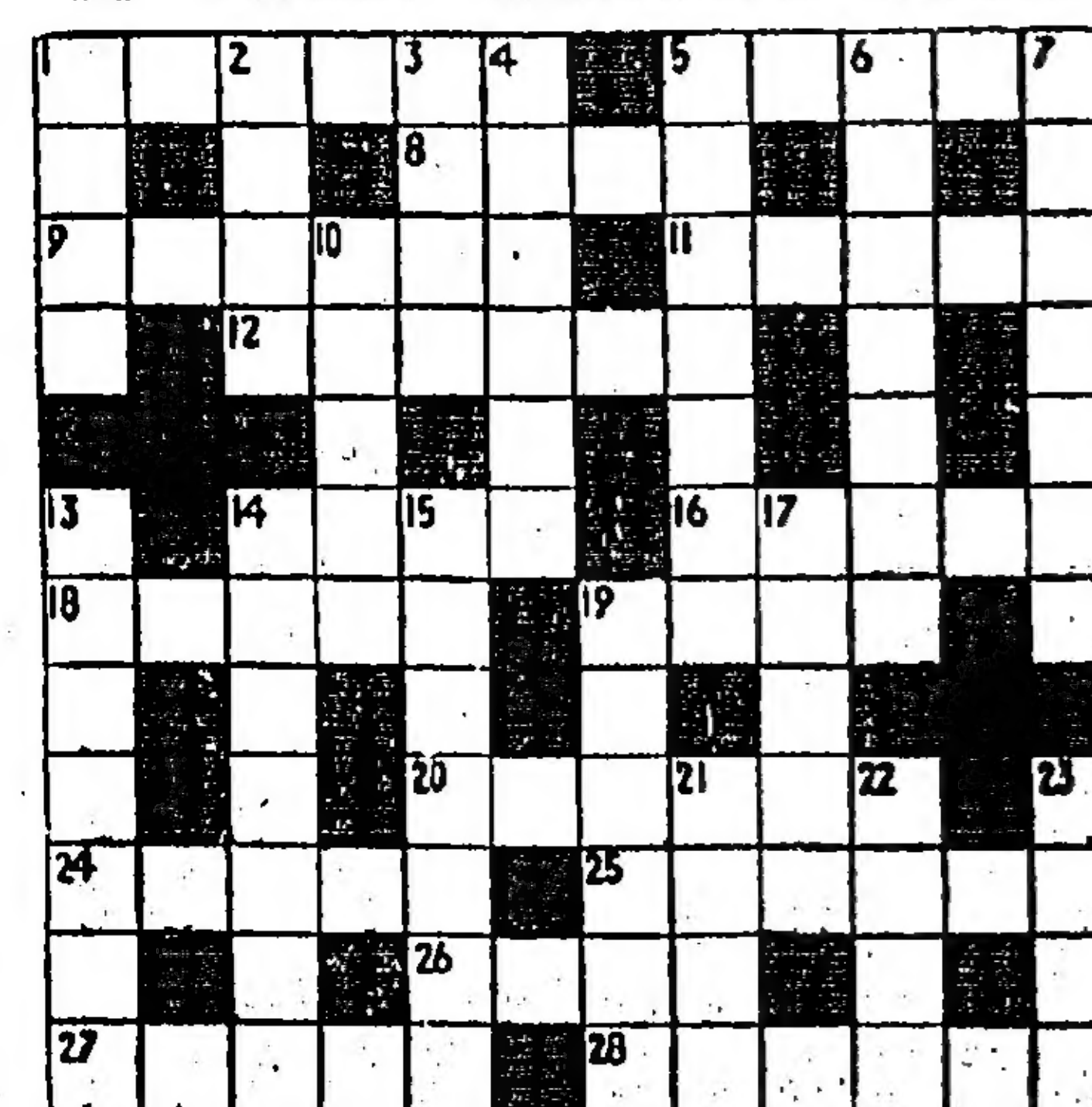
She said: "There were jeans and slacks for the house and bungalow."

"Jeans wear was rather more conspicuous, a reminder of the growing popularity of the game and the debut of our youngsters at Wimbledon this year."

"From then on to the very last models it was the new waistless and beltless dress, the sack in modified form and the chemise took...."

"As far as I can see, the straight line is going to catch on here. It ran straight through the Leningrad collection."—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Biblical mount (6).
 - 2 More certain (5).
 - 3 Disorderly retreat (4).
 - 4 Wine plant (6).
 - 5 Like a mad dog (5).
 - 6 Just the thing for a pound- ing (6).
 - 7 Meditate (4).
 - 8 Lock of hair (5).
 - 9 I shot into the lift (5).
 - 10 Part of the Thames (4).
 - 11 Scarlet albatross (6).
 - 12 Buy one for someone else (6).
 - 13 Make effervescent (6).
 - 14 American food (4).
 - 15 Much less polite (6).
 - 16 Value highly (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Before long we do a negative (4).
 - 2 At the summit is a spinner (4).
 - 3 Fine subjects, maybe (4).
 - 4 What a flautist will do (8).
 - 5 Our urban ways (7).
 - 6 Tax repayment (7).
 - 7 Put your clothes on again! (7).
 - 8 Mother of Romulus (5).
 - 9 Protect (7).
 - 10 London district (4, 3, 6).
 - 11 At his signal they're off! (7).
 - 12 Equestrian (5).
 - 13 Inborn (6).
 - 14 Monster local (4).
 - 15 National trial of speed (4).
 - 16 Wooden support (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Pickle, 4 Grille, 5 Spread, 10 Error, 12 Tender, 14 Believe, 17 Pole, 18 Ignored, 20 Nominal, 22 Error, 23 Defect, 29 There, 30 Temper, 31 Extent, 32 Ruled. Down: 1 Pacer, 2 Carol, 3 Spate, 5 Ruin, 6 Terror, 7 Seared, 8 Deviate, 11 Re-port, 18 Neglect, 15 Ebot, 16 Irises, 19 Lean, 20 Nettle, 21 Modest, 24 Steer, 25 Impel, 26 Gored, 28 Fern.

3 Spies Nabbed In China

London, Mar. 16. Three "US-Chiang agents" who tried to sabotage the Amoy railway station and an airport in Fukien have been arrested by Fukien security forces, Radio Peking reported today.

The broadcast, heard here, said the agents—all Chinese—had "tried to undermine the Amoy station of the Yungtun-Amy railway and an airport in Fukien."

It said that guns, cameras, communication equipment and forged passports in their possession were seized.

The broadcast identified the arrested men as Chang Hua-yu, Wang Yi-hsi and Hung Shu-pao. All three, it said, were members of "The Espionage Group of the Kuomintang Second Department of the Ministry of National Defence."

The broadcast said, "Chang Hua-yu received espionage training in the US Army Far East Intelligence Service in South Korea in 1952 and collected information there for the US Army. In 1954, he was sent back to Taiwan (Formosa), where he joined the Espionage Group of the Kuomintang Second Department of the Ministry of National Defence."

"In 1956 he was sent to Matsui Island to train Chiang Kai-shek agents. Just before he entered the mainland, he was given technical training by a US adviser who came from Taiwan to the Island by special plane."—United Press.

Death Of A Railway

East Grinstead, Mar. 16. The 17-mile long "Bluebell and Primrose" railway line, between East Grinstead and Lewes, died today after 70 years.

British Railways added three coaches to the normal one-coach train for the final journey and railway enthusiasts performed last-ride ceremonies at each of the oil-lamp lit stations.—China Mail Special.

"A World Development Corporation"

US \$25,000 Million Peace Plan

RADICAL SCHEME PROPOSED BY ECONOMIST

Washington, Mar. 16.

Mr Benjamin Javits, a leading American economic and corporation lawyer, today proposed a plan for heavy investment abroad which would eventually reach US\$25,000 million annually, as a step towards peace.

Mr Javits, with his brother, Republican Senator Jacob Javits, and Mr Leon Keyserling, chairman of former President Truman's council of economic advisers, introduced his scheme for a world development corporation at a news conference.

He said people should invest in regeneration, reconstruction and rebuilding abroad, particularly in underdeveloped countries of Asia, where he said "we could develop a billion customers for our products."

For the first time in history, a nation might use money for peace on the same magnitude as it has used money for war, he proposed.

Under the plan the United States would start with a five-year "sewing-up period" in which the Federal Government and private companies each would put US\$5,000 million annually.

The combined US\$10,000 million a year initial effort would be the foundation for a long-term programme during which the Federal Government's share would be pegged to US\$5,000 million a year, while private investment would rise to about US\$20,000 million a year—for an ultimate total of US\$25,000 million a year.

As the "central core" of the programme, Mr Javits proposed a world development corporation, which would raise half of the private investment, about US\$10,000 million a year, by selling stock at five dollars a share to people here and abroad.—Reuter.

Submarines

In The Pacific

Sydney, Mar. 16.

British naval commander-in-chief in the Far East Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone said today that there are more than 100 submarines of different nationalities now operating in the Pacific.

He did not indicate the number of subs belonging to each nation.

"Atomic power is giving them tremendous endurance under water which they never had before and great speed which makes them very hard to catch," he said.

PREY

He warned Australia is an island continent that submarines preying on shipping in Pacific sea lanes could isolate her in the event of an invasion.

Admiral Gladstone will visit Melbourne tomorrow for talks with Australian naval leaders.

He termed Japan's midge submarine raids on Sydney harbour during World War II a comparatively futile affair considering that Japanese submarines could have taken a tremendous toll of Australian shipping by standing watch off the coast.

"The Japanese underestimated the naval value of the submarine in war," he said.—United Press.

Juan Peron

Rome, Mar. 16. Former Argentine President, Juan Domingo Peron, has announced his intention of leaving the Dominican Republic next Friday for a rest trip to Spain and Portugal.—France-Press.

Russian, Aged 150

London, Mar. 16. Radio Moscow reported today that among voters in the Soviet elections were a 150-year-old farmer and 58 members of his family.

The broadcast identified the farmer as "Ellyazov" and said he was the oldest man in the Soviet Union.—United Press.

THERE WAS NO MISHAP—THIS TIME

London, Mar. 16. HARWELL Atomic Laboratory announced today that it had successfully completed a high-energy operation identical to the one that resulted in a dangerous accident at the Windscale Atomic Plant last year.

The operation performed, the announcement said, was "the release of higher energy."

It was the first time this has been accomplished since the Windscale mishap sprinkled radioactive particles over the surrounding countryside late last summer.

Sir John Cockcroft, top British atomic expert, personally supervised the Harwell effort, this weekend, it was reported, and labelled it "completely successful."—United Press.

A Defence Against H-Bomb?

Martha, Mar. 16. Pastor Martin Niemöller, President of the Evangelical Church in Hesse, said here today that faced with the hydrogen bomb, defence was today had any meaning.

"Only a handful can speak of defence today," he said.

Dr Niemöller, German submarine commander of World War I who spent eight years in Nazi concentration camps for his opposition to the Hitler regime, was speaking on "God and the hydrogen bomb" at a conscientious objectors' meeting.

He said: "Four hundred million people in the East and West, who carry the atom bomb in their pocket like a gangster, hold the fate of the rest of the world in their hands."

He said it was the task of the Church to warn people against the misuse of God's gifts, and the hydrogen bomb was a blasphemy.—China Mail Special.

RACIAL ROW IN SOUTH AFRICA

Mass Protests At Govt Plans

Johannesburg, Mar. 16.

The African National Congress hit back hard tonight at new government plans to crack down on the non-white organisation.

Congress leaders called for a week of non-violent protest during an open-air mass meeting in the "coloured" suburb of Newclare. The protest week will feature public meetings, torchlight processions and demonstrations outside the offices of City Ministers.

The call to mass protest followed the announcement by the Minister for Native Affairs, H.F. Verwoerd, on Friday of plans for banning the National Congress in South Africa's native reserves. Under a bill to be passed shortly, Mr Verwoerd will be empowered to close down Congress branches in any native areas where there is "agitation".

Nine white police officers, led by the chief of the Transvaal Security Branch, set in the middle of the 2,000-strong gathering while the call for a "protest week" was raised.

The protest week was called to start on April 14, two days before South Africa's all-white general election.

The Congress members were flanked at the open-air meeting by representatives of the Coloured People's Organisation and the South African Congress of Trade Unions.

In addition to announcing the protesting week, the meeting adopted a strong five-point resolution demanding:

- A legal minimum wage of 21 daily for all unskilled workers
- Abolition of the pass laws which prevent non-Europeans from seeking work and travelling throughout the country without official permission.
- Abolition of apartheid (racial separation) laws, including the Group Areas Act which enforces separate residential areas for the various racial groups.
- Abolition of the Job Reservation Act under which skilled jobs are reserved for whites.
- End of the National government of Prime Minister J. G. Strijdom and a vote for non-whites in the government of the country.—United Press.

Military Project Drawn Up

Fire-Bombs: New Anti-Rebel Plan In Cuba

New York, Mar. 16.

Cuba's Joint Chiefs of Staff have approved a new military plan, including the use of "fire bombs," to end guerilla warfare in revolt-torn Oriente Province in "25 to 30 days," according to advices reaching New York today.

These advices, from usually reliable sources, said the necessity for concealing certain troops movements under the new plan was a major reason for President Fulgencio Batista's recent reimposition of censorship on outgoing news dispatches.

According to the sources, the new military operations plan was drawn up by two Army colonels at President Batista's request. It was subsequently approved by the newly unified military command.

DETAILS

There was little information on details of the plan, but it was reported to include use of a hitherto untried "fire bomb," to be used principally against the rebels led by Fidel Castro in the Sierra Maestra mountains of Oriente.

Reports from Pinar del Rio to the West of Havana, meanwhile, disclosed that rebel guerillas were now operating in the Cordillera de los Organos mountains in that province, westernmost in Cuba.

Informed sources said the so-called "authentic" organisation, an underground group financed by Cuban exiles in Miami, had several score residents operating as guerillas under the command of "Pancho Varona," an old-line political leader long identified with ex-President Carlos Prío Socarrás.

IMPORTANCE

The importance of the band, the sources said, was not so much its fighting effectiveness but as a psychological rallying point for youngsters in the province.

Confirmation of guerilla activities in Pinar del Rio would bring to three the number of provinces in which political dissidents are now militarily active. They include Oriente and Las Villas.—United Press.

Plane To Be Returned

Panmunjom, Mar. 17. The North Korean Communists promised to return today a captured US Air Force jet pilot whose plane was shot down by Red guns.

The Reds said they would return Captain Leon Pfeiffer, of Keshida, Wisconsin, at 11.30 a.m.

The turnover will be made in front of the conference hall of the joint Korean Military Armistice Commission, where passengers of a hijacked Korean Airliner were returned on March 6.—United Press.

Bomb Blast

In Miami Jewish School

Miami, Mar. 16.

A dynamite explosion blasted a hole through the rear of a concrete building housing a Jewish school and recreation centre early today, causing damage estimated at \$30,000.

The police said 10 to 12 sticks of dynamite had been placed at the base of the building's wall near a kitchen entrance. The structure is an annex to Temple Beth El.

The bombers apparently wrapped the dynamite in black paper stolen from a nearby storage shed, the police said.

GAPING HOLE

The explosion left a gaping hole, wrecked the kitchen, shattered windows and doors, moved the whole building on its foundations and shook hundreds of nearby homes.

Hundreds of persons flocked to the scene in their night clothes.

Officials of the synagogue and the police offered no theories on possible motives for the dynamiting. In 1951 a series of negro homes and synagogues were dynamited in Miami.

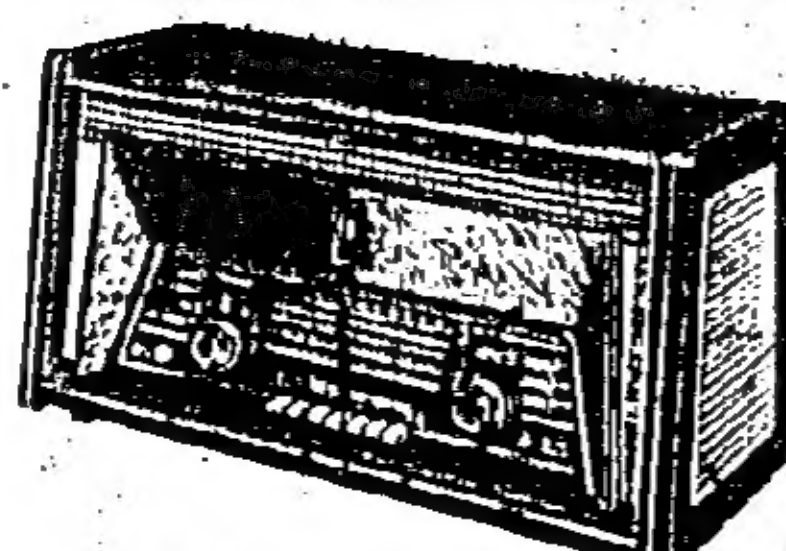
"The Miami religious community is up in arms about this," said a Jewish spokesman. "Protestants, Catholics and Jews all have been calling and offering help."—United Press.

STATION BOMBED

Nicosia, Mar. 16. A terrorist bomb today destroyed the water pumping station of one of the largest ammunition depots in this part of the world. The depot is located in a British Army camp outside Nicosia.

The bomb, electrically detonated, completely destroyed the station. There were no casualties.

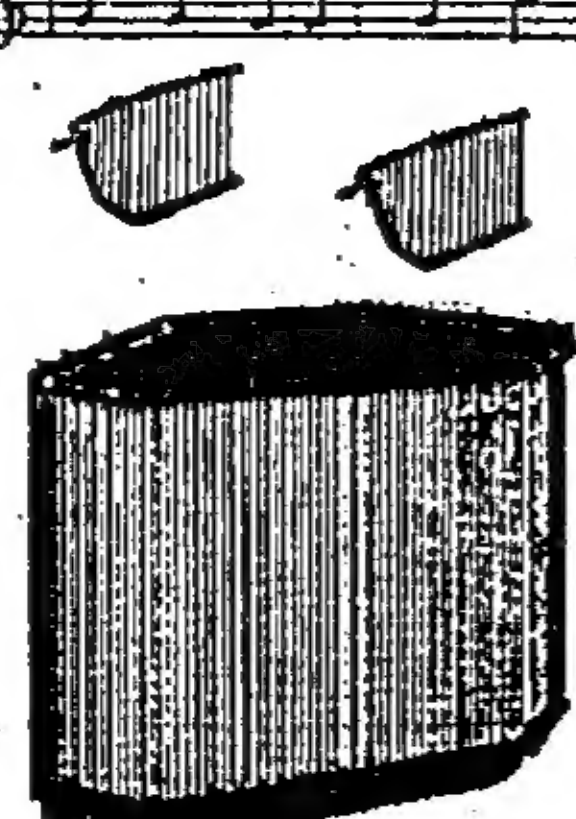
The British Army spokesman who reported the incident declined to reveal any further details.—United Press.



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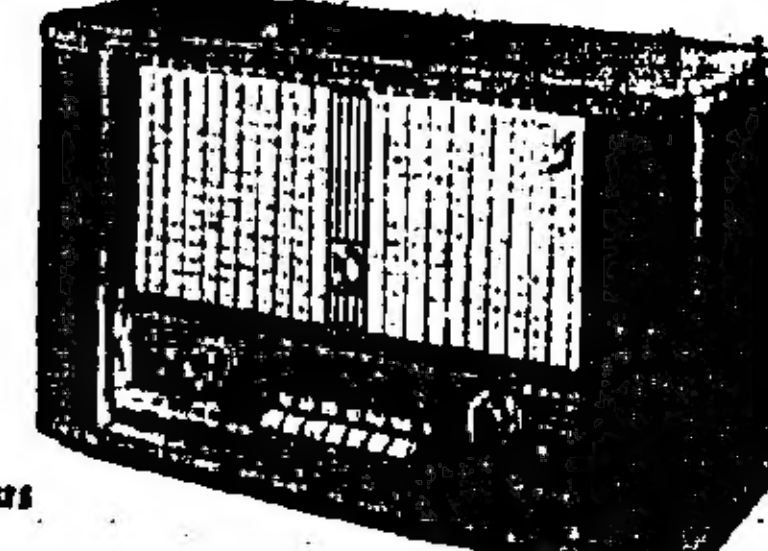
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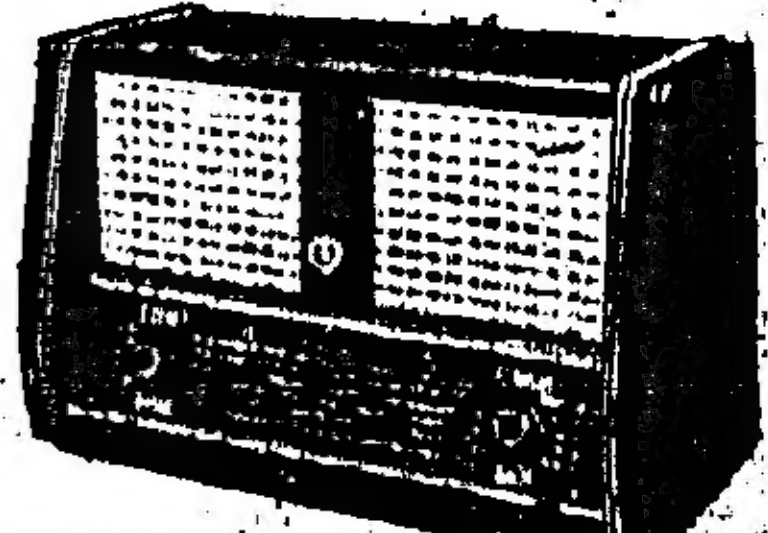
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WHEN A CAT IS NOT LOVED

—It walks out and the story problem gets a little worse

RITA MARSHALL

THE cat that walks by himself was officially recognised the other day—as a British national problem. Far too many cats are roaming from the fireside.

Rudyard Kipling wrote of a happy, independent Cat That Walked By Himself in his "Just So" story.

But a special committee of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, formed to deal with the problem of stray cats, paints a much gloomier picture.

About 1,000 healthy cats are being put to sleep every day—simply because they have no homes.



Cuddly

Cats—so cuddly and interesting when kittens—are no longer loved when they rule the hearth.

So the cat walks out.

Other cats, left alone when their owners go on holiday, go off in search of food—and join the problem band of stray cats.

A solution, suggested at a Press conference at R.S.P.C.A. headquarters, was that more cats should be neutered.

To stress the point, Lieutenant P. F. Symmett, the "homeless animal" organiser, told of Margaret, a cat which had 107 kittens and more than 1,000 descendants.

Mr J. S. Hobhouse, chairman of the special committee, said that although there were nearly a million unwanted cats in Britain that did not mean that we were becoming a nation of barbarians.

"The problem of strays is primarily a problem of

educating the public," he said. "A lot has been said about dogs. But up to now very little has been done about the unfortunate cat."

"We don't seem to feel quite the same responsibility towards the cat as the dog."

He said that cats were gregarious, loving animals. If they were unloved they would drift away, hoping to find another home.

But usually they ended up roaming the streets, stealing food, and becoming ill.

Lucky

A very small percentage of cats brought to the association were found homes. "Cats are ten a penny," said Mr Hobhouse. "They have no commercial value."

"You can always find somebody who has a spare kitten if you really want to have a cat."

THE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN A WEEK IN NEW YORK!



Lord Hailsham threatened to walk out . . .

DON IDDON'S DIARY

ONE week in a New York Correspondent's life: On Monday I appeared on the Tex and Jinx television show in Peacock Alley at the Waldorf Astoria. We debated, with authors Cleveland Amory and Emily Hahn, "Is High Society Un-American?" Later, drinks with Sir Paul Gore Booth, ex-Ambassador to Burma, who is looking over the economic situation here.

Tuesday: an extensive tour of Connecticut's flooded areas, and was shocked at the devastation.

Wednesday: a party at my department for Deborah Kerr, her husband, Anthony Bartley, and singer Frankie Vaughan. Thirty-five people were invited—47 turned up.

An argument

THURSDAY: an argument with Lord Hailsham, which I shall tell you about in detail, and Friday: a chance meeting with Frank Costello, the man known in the classic cliché as the Prime Minister of Crime. Then dinner at the Ashford Russell with the British Ambassador to the United Nations, Sir Pierson Dixon and Lady Dixon.

Saturday and Sunday: a whirl around the town and trips to the docks and

Idlewild Airport to see friends off to England.

The Hailsham row was the highlight of the week. I had never met him before, but admired his career greatly, and about a year ago I wrote a eulogy. "There is a lion in the streets."

A group of us were invited to the flat of Joy Wright, of the British Information Services, for drinks and a talk with Hailsham. The New York chiefs of our propaganda and information machine, John Peck and Major Ormerod, were there.

Hailsham arrived late, his hair tousled, his old-fashioned but well-cut dinner-jacket crumpled. He said he had been held up by Randolph Churchill.

"Bourbon on the rocks—I always drink the wine of the country," said the Lord President of the Council, and we settled down for some penetrating questioning.

Painful silence

A YOUNG man from the Sunday Express, Peter Baker, started off mildly. The questions were mainly about rockets and rocket bases. Hailsham began to get nettled.

His lordship declared, with heat that he was a loyal subject of the Queen, muttered something about the Official Secrets Act, and his face was soon a full flood of fury.

He turned on Barry Harding, of the Daily Mirror, who was asking some aggressive but well-informed questions, and said: "I shall walk out of the room if this continues. I will not be pressed. I will not be cross-examined. I have never undergone such treatment."

There was a silence as Lord Hailsham panted and heaved.

We were seeing a good man, a sincere man, and a distinguished man, destroy his reputation for political sagacity before our eyes.

The room was tense, and then I said quietly: "Why don't you take the chip off your shoulder. You're not in the House of Commons or Lords now. You're in America among friends."

After that Hailsham simmered down, and by the time this strange cocktail party plus Press conference ended there was a forced joke or two about Rochdale and Lancashire, and then Lord Hailsham said he was sorry. We said we were sorry also.

So that was it—an extraordinary performance by an experienced politician some people have called statesman. Later, Lord Hailsham made a good speech on Anglo-American relations but he was preaching to the converted.

A curious crowd, their faces glued to the glass door in the hotel corridor, looked on, Jinx Falkenberg, looking lovely and very experienced, master-minded the show as Tex (real name John Reagan McCrory—he is Jinx's husband) was absent.

There has been a wonderful opportunity during the past few days. The decision to base

American ballistic missiles on British soil is being presented here as yet another example of American generosity to the hard-pressed islanders. It is being publicised as a mighty shield to protect the British, who are unable to protect themselves.

No one seems to have been able to make the all-important point that it is the British who are making the great gesture, taking the terrible risk.

Here is an outstanding illustration of mutual Anglo-American aid, yet the Americans get the credit and the British scarcely any. I sigh for the ignorance of our American cousins about Britain and the British.

Close-fisted

ON the Tex and Jinx show all the American participants except Emily Hahn seemed to imagine that Britain is a feudal State run by aristocrats.

It is a curious programme, this Tex and Jinx show. Peacock Alley used to be the great parade-ground for the Astors and Vanderbilts, and the Lodges. Now it has been modernised, and it was a litter of cameras, lights and microphones when I arrived.

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Mr Amory, a gifted author, was nervous. His forehead was

bathed in perspiration beads, his hands trembled with his notes, and occasionally his voice wavered. Miss Hahn was self-possessed and competent.

A young actor near me, called Symington—he is a relative of the Senator—was heavily made up. Peasants like myself were not made up, or even given a light dusting of powder.

The programme lasted an hour. The fee? Nothing—though Tex and Jinx are reported to earn around \$100,000 a year from their assorted wealthy sponsors. A nice lunch, perhaps, after the programme? Not a sandwich.

Drink, of course? One glass of water and one weak Scotch on the rocks.

I contrast this parsimonious treatment with the generosity of the British independent television companies. My fare back and forth across the Atlantic was paid for last December. I was provided with a suite at the Savoy, and given a handsome fee for appearing for three-quarters of an hour on New Year's Eve. Why, even the BDC pays its participants in the Press Conference programme.

The result of the debate, "Is High Society Un-American?" There was a split vote. I said: "High society is not only un-American, it's uncivilised."

The party at my place was routine. Deborah is very pleased to have been nominated for the Academy Award. She richly deserves an Oscar.

Young Vaughan, who is supposed to have sex-appeal plus, was quiet, shy, and seemed slightly uncomfortable. The teenage idol, who earns \$1,000 a week, keeps only one-tenth of it after tax is clipped. He should do well here.

It was in the King Cole Room of the St Regis Hotel that a

friend from London spotted Frank Costello. Foolishly I'd said: "That man looks like Onassis," and he said: "No, it's Frank Costello."

I should have recognised him from the hands. Remember those twisting hands, the fingers writhing before the television cameras during the famous Senator Kefauver probe into the crime syndicates? They haven't changed, and Costello hasn't changed.

Living in fear

FOR years he dominated the American underworld, and some say he still does. We approached him for a talk, but he suddenly was struck dumb. I think he possibly feared we were finger men lining him up for another assassination attempt.

Such men as Costello walk in fear and live by stealth.

After the Costello encounter we stroled over to the 21 Club and then I wound the week up at Trot Shors's, where Joe DiMaggio, ex-husband of Marilyn Monroe, ex-baseball star, but continuing national idol, was sipping a beer and talking earnestly with Toots.

Shors's restaurant, a hangout for newsmen and various toffs, sports, actors and lovely ladies, is the only remaining saloon on 51st Street between the Associated Press building and the Avenue of the Americas. There used to be 40 pubs and restaurants on the glitter strip of real estate. Now there is one.

In fact, half of New York is coming down, and the place looks as if it has been thoroughly bombed. My friend, who worked in the United States for years, hardly knew his way about.

He paid a nostalgic visit to Greenwich Village, New York's Chelsea, but the Village has changed, and the place he sought had gone. We wound up everything at the glossy new Idlewild Airport, and then I called it a day. Quite a week!

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ON SALE AT LEADING STORES



"Don't the automobile and burnt his pants? Honey, that's enough trivial problems to make your husband go right ahead and start World War Three."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

A CORRESPONDENT who is young enough to regard the elderly as contemporaries asks me what Fleet Street was like when I began to write.

Well, the type, of course, was set by hand, and by candlelight, and I used to ride to the office on an old cob, which I had bought from a country doctor. We wrote our copy with quills, on parchment, and most of us youngsters wore frock-coats and top hats. Women were not allowed on the premises. The older members of the staff still wore powdered wigs, knee-breeches, and buckled shoes and took snuff! I remember a reporter galloping up to the old building in Shoe Lane, crying: "Only Lord Palmerston hath formed a Government!" How we youngsters cheered his "scoop"!

Keeping fit

TO what do I attribute my great age? To rising at 3 a.m., summer and winter, plunging into an ice-cold bath, never smoking, drinking or laughing; to controlling my breathing scientifically, taking one square meal a day, sleeping with windows and doors wide open, and with a hole in the roof to let in fresh air. I am old that I do not look a day over 39, but that may be flattery. As that young rascal Dickens once said to me in the Cheetham Cheese (whether I had repaired with Willie Collins for a glass of water)—

Among the new books

MR. RALPH TANGSTUN'S "Immediacy" is remarkable for a significant approach which reminds one of Mr. R. L. Hambley, though there is in Mr. Tangstun's best poems an integrity, awareness, and sense of values which the older poet lacks. His use of particles is masterly, and his imagery, though abstract, is allusive. By its distilling of complicated emotion-responses he arrives at a statement of life which is at once authoritative and uncommitted. His quality may be seen in such lyrical tour-de-force as "Other Waters" with its haunting and majestic exordium.

Both together both apart
Like motionless stones
For mutual perception.

In passing

RETURNING to my note about loudly expressed criticism in the theatre, a French hussar went to a theatre in Danzig at the opening of Napoleon's campaign of 1812. Growing restive, he shouted, "Up with the curtain this moment, or I will not cross the Vistula!"

Without comment

The 4th 10th, beauty queen, who founded her \$35,000,000 fortune on a pot of face cream, was unperturbed.
(Morning paper.)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

West Outsmarts Self
By Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE game was duplicate and there was a little more to the bidding of the hand than meets the eye. East passed over North's opening diamond bid but only after prolonged study. He studied over more before letting South play one no-trump.

At other tables East actually bid his hearts whereupon North usually became declarer at spades and made three odd.

Against the normal club opening South can only make two no-trump and East's failure to get into the bidding would have produced a good score for his side.

Unfortunately for East on this occasion he had a rather unethical partner. West said to himself, "What can my partner be

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Q32	4
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SOUTH	
Q42	74
K106	74
K107	74
J332	74

East and West vulnerable

West North East South

Pass 1 Pass 1 N.T.

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Opening lead—♥5

WOMANSENSE

An Easter Bonnet And A Spring Gown



WITH spring just round the corner things are really humming in the fashion world. Here's a beehive-shaped hat (left) to prove it. The hat, by DOLORES, is of draped white organza with tiny sprigs of lilies of the valley mixed with pink roses.

On the right, HOOKAH has the style of old Mexico. The Rahvis creation is a dinner dress in black lace over flesh pink—the hat need not be worn to dinner!



YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, MARCH 17

BORN on St. Patrick's Day, you have a genial, outgoing personality. You are positive in the demands you make on life and pretty well know where you want to go and aim to get there. Affectionate and kindly, you are able to understand and sympathize with those whom you may pass on route. You have the reputation for being a hard worker, a conscientious stickler for detail and one who insists on accuracy.

You have considerable poise but you also have a tremendous emotional response to the beautiful in art or music. This may seem to make you less placid in temperament than you actually are! You do have a tendency to become dependent, but with a change of scenery, or pace, you are able to overcome it and account your happy self again. You expand under praise for work well done, but which critic will go into your shell and snipe.

You are very observing and you have a great deal of originality. You are ingenious in solving problems, and often will find a new method of approaching an old difficulty. You are an eager, fitful just don't let this talent dissipate into chaotic fancies finding. That's something else "skint".

Your loyalties are exceptionally strong, and once someone has been accepted into the small circle of your intimates, it is for life. Your women are highly attractive to members of the opposite sex—and will have several opportunities to wed.

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MONDAY, MARCH 17

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This Multi-Marriage Business

AMERICAN authoresses often than English ones. I often wonder why.

By NANCY SPAIN

Look at Martha Gellhorn and Kathleen Winsor, for example. They both have been married at least three times.

Is it because they are better looking than English authoresses? Or are they good at being married? Or what?

Martha Gellhorn in her time has been married to Ernest Hemingway, Bertrand de Jouvenal, and is now Mrs. T. S. Matthews living in Eaton Square district, S.W. (Mr. Matthews used to be editor of Time magazine.) And as if to draw my attention to the whole thing, she takes as her theme for her new book a part of the Christian marriage service.

WELL DONE

BUT the third one, "In Sickness and in Health," is really good. It shows what Martha Gellhorn could have done with this book if she had been inclined.

It is all about a man who does not marry his mistress because he is filled with compassion for his unhealthy wife. It is a beautifully little story, but exceptionally well done.

Now had all these little stories been somehow fused together into one long narrative it would have been a novel of mighty stature.

But there, it is no use complaining. That is the worst of being a good journalist (Martha Gellhorn is one of the best in the world). One gets so used to cutting the stuff into 1,000-word lengths that one is not ready for the great 60,000-word burst when it comes.

What about 6ft. Kathleen Winsor? As well as being the tallest she is also one of the most charming of American women (Rita Hayworth, I believe, beats her record).

Kathleen has so far tangled matrimony-wise, with footballer Herwig, Ardie Shaw, someone called Krulewicz, and now

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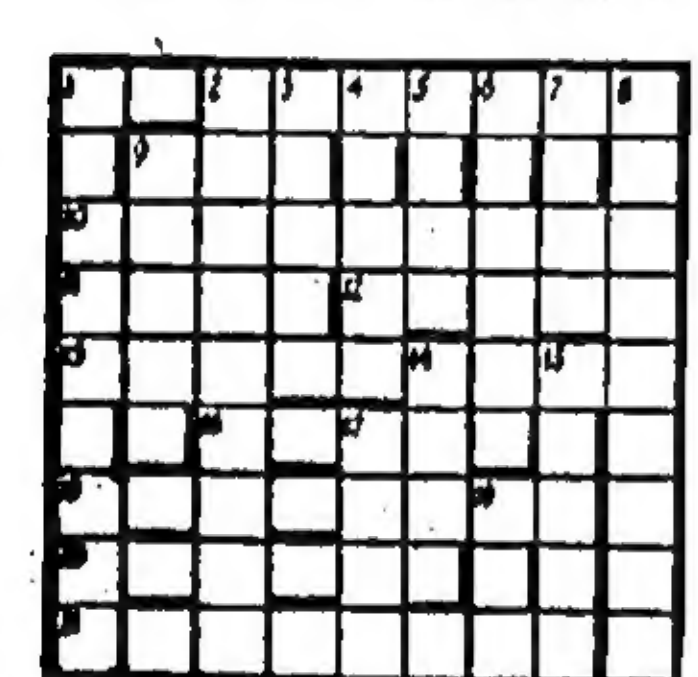
IF THE MAIN DISH is ham, chicken, poultry or game, serve with it, either warm or cold, a homemade quick pear chutney.

Quick Pear Chutney: In a qt. saucepan, combine 1 lemon with the rind, sliced thin, 1/2 c. raisins, 1/4 c. diced crystallized or preserved ginger, 1/4 c. brown sugar, 1/4 c. cider vinegar, 1/4 tsp. each nutmeg, dry mustard and salt and 1/16 tsp. cayenne. Bring to a boil; simmer 15 min.

Blond 1 tsp. cornstarch with 1 tsp. juice from 1 (No. 2) can pears. Cook-stir 3 min. or until clear.

Dice and add canned pears. Simmer 5 min. Serve warm or cold. Makes 3 c.

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By LEONARD BARDEN

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Soviet-American Athletic Match In July

Moscow, Mar. 16. Russian athletics fans made a dash for the booking offices as soon as the news spread that a full field and track meet between Soviet and American men and women athletes had been fixed for July 27 and 28 in Moscow. All seats should be booked up long before the meet, and an estimated crowd of 100,000 should be thronging the Lenin Stadium on each of the two days.

Leonid Henyukov, a leading Soviet sports official, said here that the details of the programme had already been elaborated and that there would be 22 men events and 9 women events, spread over the two days.

The Soviet Union and the United States are to line up two athletes in each event. Asked who he thought would win the contest, Henyukov replied: "That is not the most important issue. To my mind, the essential thing is that the athletes of the two countries will get the chance of meeting in a friendly encounter."—France-Press.

Professional Soccer Coach For Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 16. The Football Association of Malaya decided today to engage a British professional coach to put the "finishing touches" on the Malayan soccer team for the Asian Games in May.

The Association instructed its secretary to write to the Football Association of England to see if a coach could be sent out immediately.—Reuter.

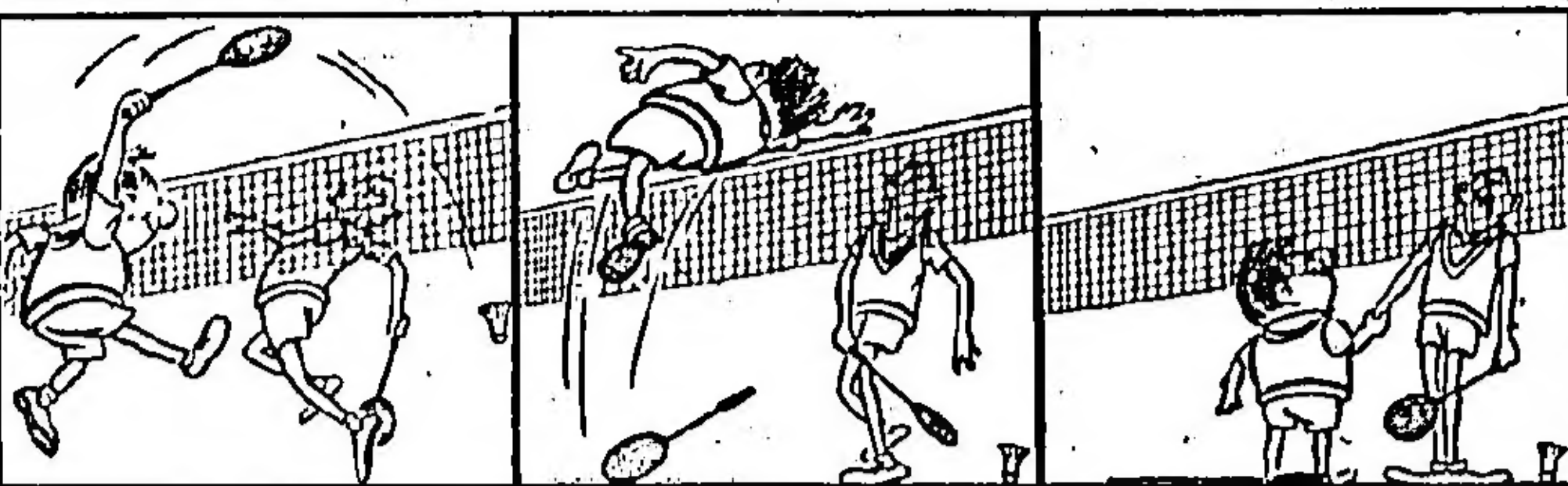
AT LONG LAST

Greengate FC had played 16 matches this season in the Suffolk (Lanes) City League—and lost the lot. They had had 135 goals piled up against them, scoring only 22 themselves. What a thrill then when they beat Cheltenham Hill Methodist 4-1—a victory for eighteen months!

A LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE, THEN...

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Wootton



Sports Diary

TODAY

Colony Senior Championships: Men's Singles, Ladies' Doubles, Men's Doubles, Mixed Doubles, 11C 7.30 p.m.

HKFA Inter-Club Meeting: HKFA Inter-Club Meeting, 5.45 p.m.

Hongkong Rugby Union: President's XV v. Taiwan, Club Stadium, 5.15 p.m.

Club Trial Game, Club Stadium, 7 p.m.

TOMORROW

HKFA Council Meeting, Sports Road, 5.45 p.m.

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Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:
(1) Footballing prowess.
(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,
My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

Tigers Tamed Temperamental Tung Wah In Yesterday's First Division Match

By I. M. MacTAVISH

It would have been difficult to convince a casual visitor to the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon that Sing Tao were engaged in what was really a life and death struggle as far as their First Division existence was concerned.

In the end they defeated Tung Wah comfortably by 4 goals to 2 but they made very heavy weather of it all. Tung Wah started in likely enough fashion, but as time wore on and the opposition grew tougher they faded badly. Some of their second half stuff was indescribably poor.

Tung Wah suffered from the ailment which I suggested some months ago might assail them when they built a hocus pocus side by putting a few big names in a small name team.

While they were still in the game with a chance they played hard enough, but it was most noticeable that as soon as they slipped behind the 'big name' players became as temperamental as a bevy of prima donnas with husky throats. Surprisingly enough the biggest offender in this respect was Toledo who once boasted a fine reputation for his whole-hearted displays in all circumstances.

His record certainly took on a heavy tarnish on this occasion and Tung Wah's younger players will make slow progress indeed if this is the kind of encouragement they are going to get from the very members of their side who should be setting them an example.

League Position

Tung Wah had everything to play for. Their League position was not too secure... they got the encouragement of an early goal... they deserved to get another yet simply through lack of team spirit and the will-to-fight-back they sacrificed the initiative to the Tigers. Inevitably they lost a goal and a bad one: that finished it and Sing Tao steadily, if somewhat unskillfully, forged ahead.

The Tigers were worthy winners. Tung Wah were woefully weak losers. The game got off to a desultory start with neither team suggesting that they were likely to strike a particularly bright patch but, within ten minutes, Tung Wah took the lead with an excellent goal.

The attack developed down the left wing and at the right moment the ball was cut across the face of the goal. Players of both sides packed the vicinity, but Yan Chok-ming outjumped them all, and with a deft flick of his hand he had the ball nosing in the back of the net. A triumph for Tung Wah... but a defensive tragedy for the Tigers and looks as black as their familiar shorts were exchanged.

Tung Wah were well on top at this stage and should have scored twice in the next 20 minutes but the forward line lacked both devil and drive and good chances were frittered away. As things turned out, however, instead of going further ahead two defensive errors saw them lose two goals... goals that could and should have been prevented.

The first one came in the 35th minute when three Tung Wah defenders stood and watched a long hanging cross from the Sing Tao right wing. They watched it in flight... they watched it as it dropped... but they didn't watch Lee Tak-tung. The winger ran towards the far post and when goalkeeper Lee Tak failed to clutch the ball the lanky Tiger nodded it quickly into the net. It was as simple as that.

Eight minutes later the Tung Wah rear ranks did a sort of 'after you Claude' act among themselves... but Lo Kwai-tai scorned the mannerly display and snatched the ball into the net from right under several Tung Wah noses.

The score sheet read Sing Tao 2, Tung Wah 1... at the interval.

The second half was as yawning as any football in the first 15 minutes the only things that stuck in my mind were a couple of impetuous and crafty indiscretions by Lo Keng-chuen which would have earned him a severe censure had they not been committed behind the referee's back.

Keen Spectators

It might interest the Tiger to know that neither of his efforts escaped the notice of keen spectators in the grandstands.

In the 65th minute the Tung Wah boys fell further behind and again their defence was at fault. They allowed Lee Tak-tung to amble up the left wing with the ball and while they stood in silent admiration of his fine centre Yeung Wai-to coolly headed the ball into the net.

That was really the end of the game as a serious contest but a few minutes later Tsang Ken-kong, the Sing Tao inside right, swung the ball goalwards from the right touch-line. There was a glorious mix-up and before all and sundry had straightened themselves out the ball was in the net. It was told afterwards that in spite of the fact that there were at least eight players in the vicinity, none except the goalkeeper's back actually touched the ball before it crossed the line!

EMPIRE GAMES WILL COST £200,000

It is estimated that the Empire Games at Cardiff this summer will cost the Welsh organisers nearly £200,000. The conversion of Cardiff Arms Park from an international rugby ground to a first class athletic stadium, plus scoreboard, will cost £50,000. At Lake Padarn, starting from scratch, the cost to run the rowing events will be about £30,000. Communications will take another £10,000, "board and lodgings" £30,000, transport £18,000, Empire Village £10,000 and a percentage of overseas travelling fares £28,000. In 1954 there were 700 competitors at Vancouver; there will be double that number in Wales.

China Won't Compete In Asian Games

London, Mar. 16. China has decided not to compete in the Asian Games in Tokyo in May, according to a New China News Agency report today.

The agency quoted Mr. Chang Lien-hua, Secretary-General of the All-China Athletic Federation, as telling Japanese reporters in Peking:

"It is impossible for us to take part because there is an attempt in certain quarters to fabricate a 'two-Chinas' plot at the Games."

Chang Lien-hua said "We would unquestionably compete in these Games if... Taiwan athletes were entered as a part of the Chinese team. We deem it an unfriendly act towards the Chinese People's Republic to admit the province of Taiwan at these Games as a separate nation."

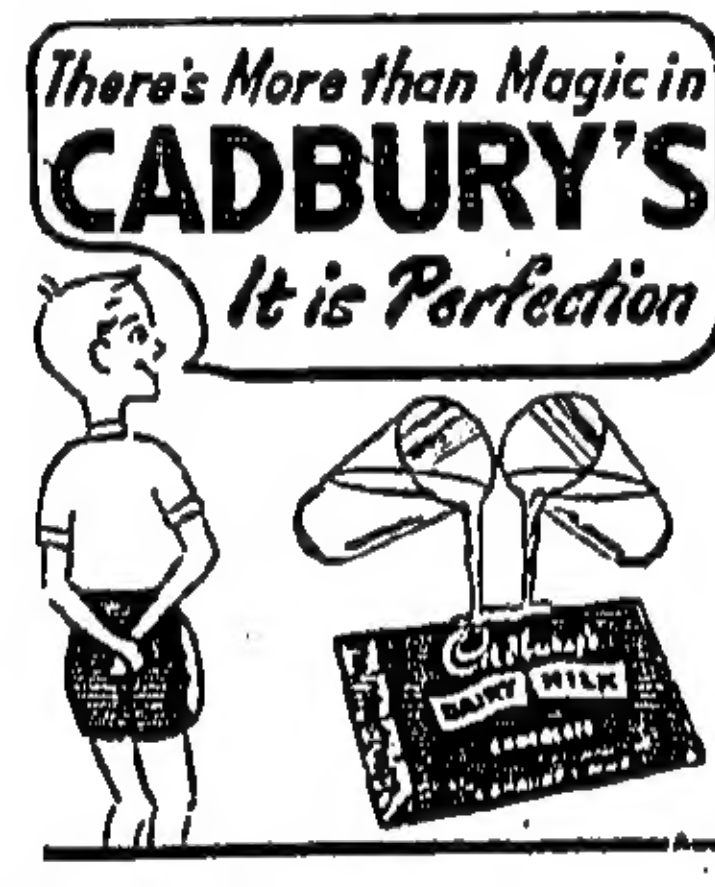
Mr. Chang Lien-hua added that the All-China Athletic Federation was of the opinion that the Tokyo Games could not be considered truly Asian if China, with its 600 million population and large number of outstanding athletes, could not enter.—Reuter.

Verdict

A game as devoid of sins as the sky on a black cloudy night. The Tigers won and that will satisfy them; Tung Wah should be far from satisfied with the shabby manner of their defeat. In the office of Liverpool Stadium there used to be a notice which read "Big names pull them in; big performances keep them in; big heads turn them away!" Someone should send a copy of that to one or two Tung Wah players...

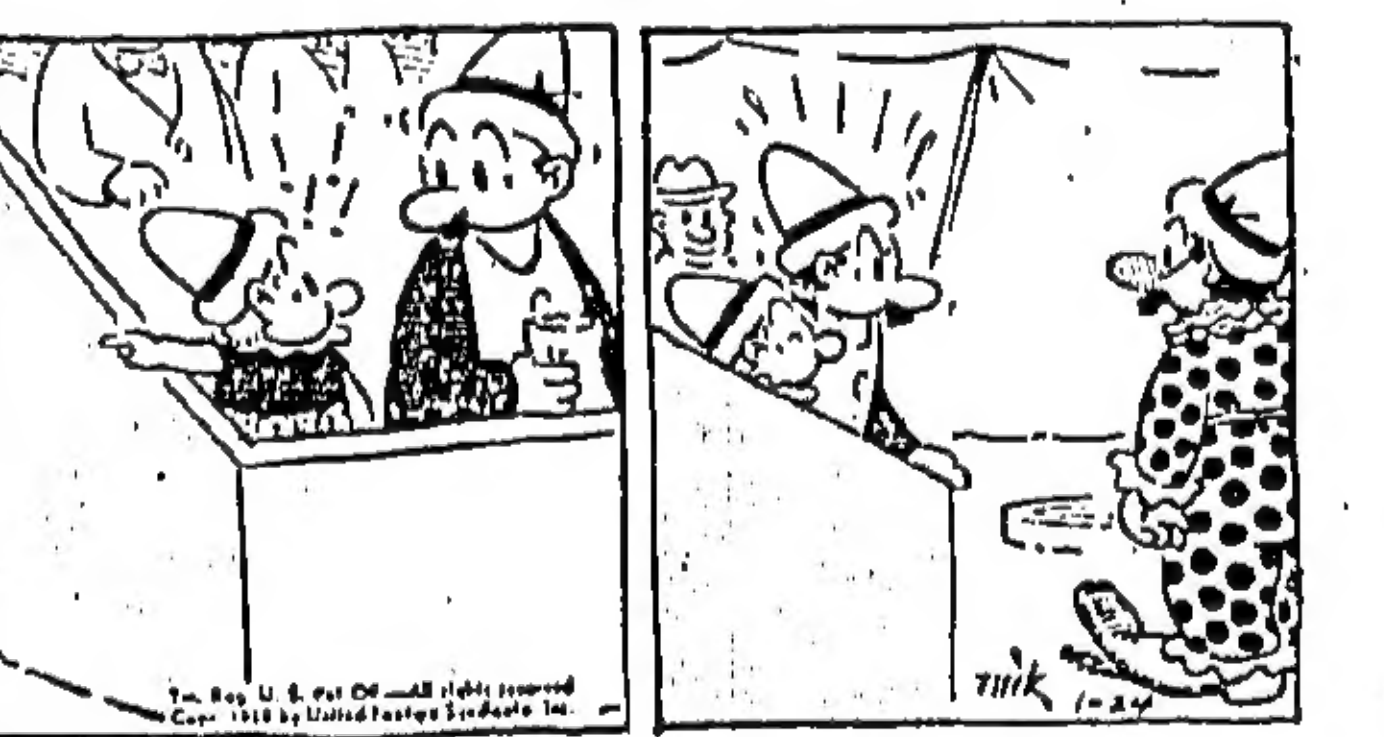
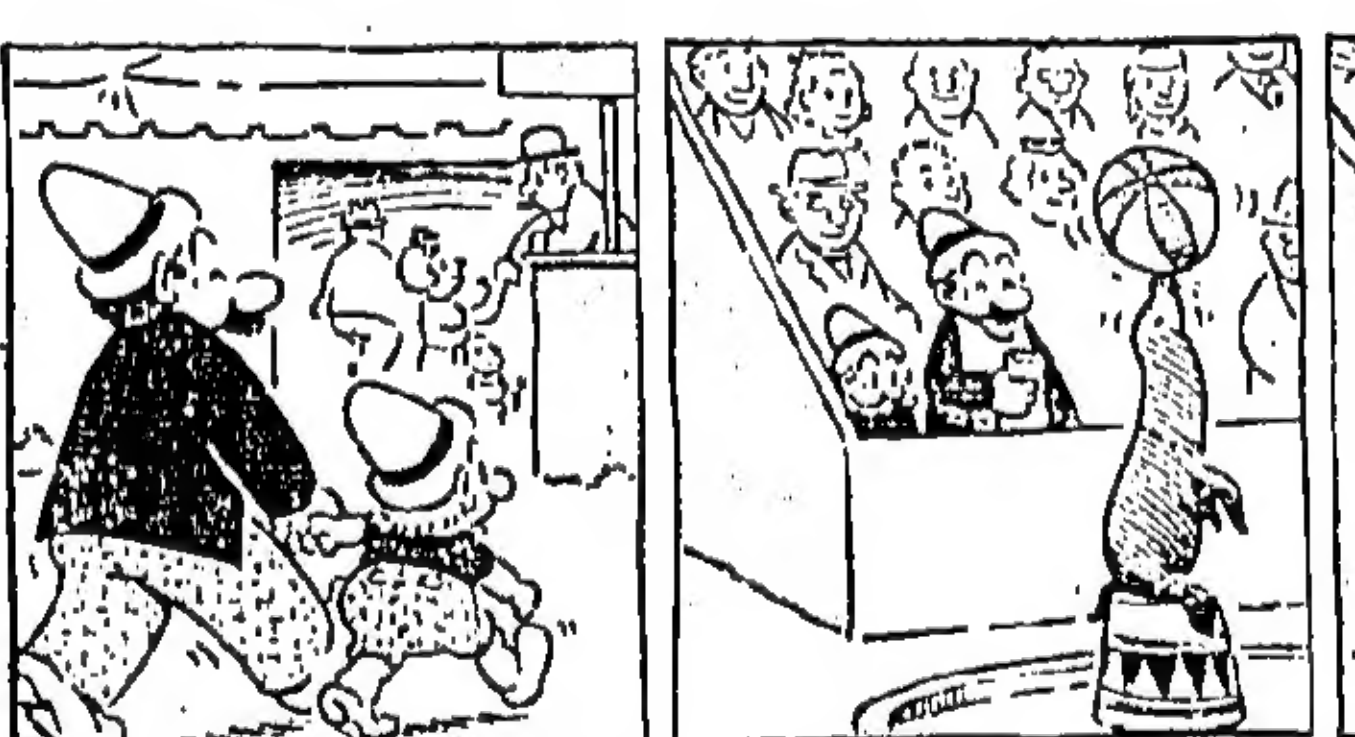
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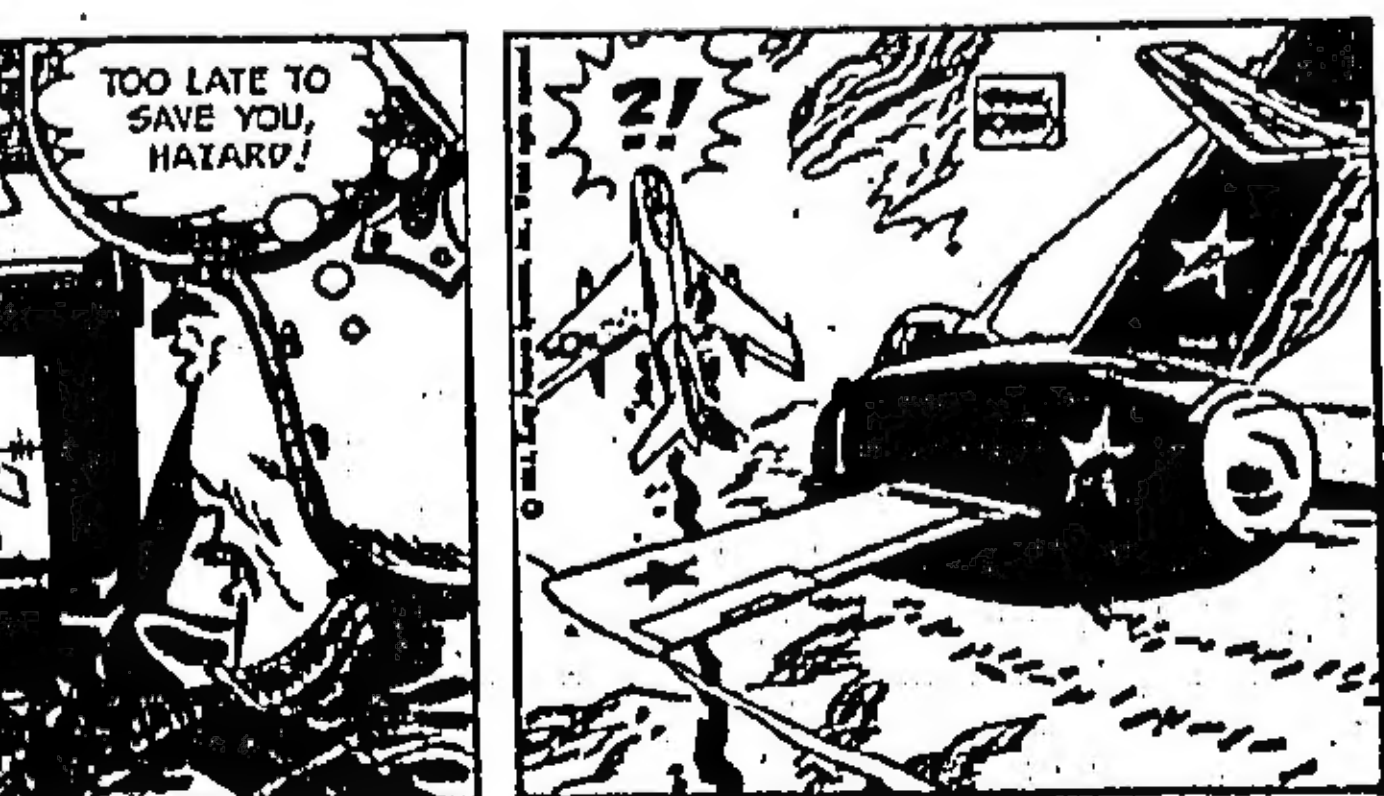
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Science And Engineering 20TH CENTURY SCIENCE REVIEW AT 1958 WORLD FAIR

By DAVID WILLEY

SCIENTISTS from fifteen countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union have revealed their plans to demonstrate to visitors to the World Fair opening here on April 17, some of the stupendous scientific discoveries of the past half century.

In a two and one half acre "Hall of International Science" at the first World Fair to be held for nearly 20 years, both specialists and the general public will have a chance to study the achievements of 20th century science.

This museum of pure science will be divided into four sections, corresponding to atomic physics, chemistry, solid state physics, and biology. Each section will be subdivided into parts for specialists and the uninitiated public.

Visitors entering the hall will be surrounded by huge photographs and charts illustrating relative scales of size, from the nucleus of an atom to a star in the Milky Way.

Illustrations
They will see illustrations of sound, light, and energy waves from the sound wave created by a piano note, to the deadly gamma ray emitted by an atom bomb.

A 100-metre long mural chart will show milestones in the history of science from the invention of the screw, attributed to Archimedes (287-212 B.C.), to the splitting of the atom by Lord Rutherford.

The first section of the Hall, "the atom" (atomic physics) will give explanations of the demonstrations of radio-activity and solar energy. There will be models of atomic particle accelerators, and a demonstration of cooking by solar energy—when the sun shines.

The second section, "the molecule" (chemistry), while over-riding laboratory assistants will explain the latest developments in synthetic and analytic chemistry. In the "crystal" section (solid state physics), visitors will be able to watch a giant transparent model of crystal, 12 feet high, with 800 flickering lamps to show its interior structure.

The last section, called "the living cell" (biology), will show the public the movements of living biological specimens, enlarged microscopically on colour television screens through a closed circuit.

If the visitor feels tired, or prefers to rest, his scientific knowledge the easy way, he can sit back in a comfortable armchair in a 600-seat cinema, which will give a continuous performance of a half-hour film, entitled "Introducing Science". The film will be shown in English, French, Spanish and Dutch versions.

Cinemas
The Hall of International Science will also contain three small specialist cinemas, each seating slightly less than 100 people, where short documentaries on scientific subjects will be shown.

Britain, France, the United States, the Soviet Union, West Germany, and Italy have all contributed "visual aid" films for showing in these cinemas.

The Hall will have a fully equipped laboratory for the preparation of specimens and demonstrations, and a comprehensive scientific library and rest room containing current scientific journals from over 30 countries.

A committee of representatives from the 15 nations represented at the Hall of International Science has been at work for more than two years planning the complicated details of the exhibition. Many projects have not yet been revealed, but, as one Belgian scientist put it, "we shall have everything in there from models of Soviet atom crushers, to live French ducks, which have changed colour after mutation experiments."

The Hall will be an example of international scientific co-operation. The organisers have stressed that "at the level of pure science there are no national boundaries. All scientists speak the same language."

The fifteen countries represented are: Britain, France, the United States, the Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, Austria, Israel, Portugal, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, the Nether-

lands, West Germany and Belgium.
But in addition to "pure" science exhibits, most of the 40 countries taking part in the 1958 World Fair will show their own applied scientific developments in their national pavilions.

Details of the interior of the massive rectangular Soviet pavilion, one of the largest in the exhibition, have not yet been revealed. But M. Rykov, Soviet Commissioner-General for the Fair, has promised that "dummy" Sputniks will be on show.

Also expected to be on view is a Soviet TU-104 long distance jet liner, although it is not yet clear whether the aircraft can be transported safely by road from Brussels International airport to the site of the World Fair on the 500-acre Heysel plateau.—China Mail Special.

UK FIRST BATTERY TO HAVE BUILT-IN VENTILATION
A 24-volt Dagenite battery with a capacity of 25 ampere-hours, produced by Peto and Radford Ltd, 137, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, is being fitted as initial equipment on the Viscount 800 series and Vanguard aircraft made by Vickers-Armstrongs (Aircraft) Ltd, Vickers House, Broadway, London, S.W.10. It is also available for replacement on the Viscount 700 series.

Known as the 12-ECM, 13-VA, it is the first battery produced in Britain to have built-in ventilation. The cell vents into a compartment on the top of the battery which is connected to a pipe leading through the outside skin of the aircraft. Owing to the differential pressure when the aircraft is flying, air from the cabin blows through this compartment and exhausts the gases outside the aircraft.

Outstanding
Other outstanding features of the battery are its high capacity/weight ratio, long life, and the fact that it requires only conventional battery maintenance. It is completely unspillable. In any position. The cell plates have been designed and the active materials evolved specially to give maximum performance at the high currents needed for engine starting over a wide range of temperatures.

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HOOVER & LIBERTY: "The Pride And The Passion." Cary Grant, Frank Sinatra and Sophia Loren in a technicolour drama.
ALHAMBRA: "The Gold Rush." Charles Chaplin comedy.
CAPITOL: "Across The Bridge." Rod Steiger in a drama.
RITZ: "The Garment Jungle." Lee J. Cobb in the garment racket.
MAJESTIC: "Sweet Smell-Of-Success." Burt Lancaster and Tony Curtis in a drama.
ORIENTAL: "It's Great To Be Young." John Mills in a British comedy.

Audio And Visual Entertainment
RADIO HONGKONG
5:30 p.m., "Julius Caesar"—A series of programmes about the play by William Shakespeare—Part 7: "The Play" (2); 5:45. New Concert Orchestra: 6. Time Signal. In the Groove: 6:30. Talking About Music, compiled and introduced by Irene Yuen, 6:45. Weather Report, 7. Time Signal. News, 7:10. Commentary: 7:15. Cocktail Time: 7:30. Letter from America by Allister Cooke, 7:45. Day Ellington and his Quartet: 8. Patti Page introduces "The Big Record": 8:30. Monday Requests. Irish Songs sung by Hilda Carr (Soprano)—The Fairy Lough: The Lark in the Clear Air; The Spanish Lady; The Sally Gardens. I wish I had the Shepherd's Lamb: Must I go Bound? The blue bell: 9:30. Weather Report, 9. Time Signal. News and Home News from Britain: 9:15. Movie Magazine edited and produced by Ted Thomas: 9:45. Secrets of Scotland Yard—The Case of the Nice Kind Doctor? (Repeat of last Saturday's broadcast); 10:15. Songs of the Human Comstock: 10:45. Paul Weston and his Orchestra: 10:50. Weather Report, 11. Time Signal. Radio Newswatch: 11:15. Revue: 11:30. Close Down.

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HK Philharmonic Orchestra Gave A Fine Performance On Friday

By D. E. Gray

LAST Friday evening the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra presented a concert in Lake Yew Hall, University of Hongkong, and because one has heard and read so much arrant nonsense about this Orchestra in the past few years, I undertook to study the programme, particularly that part which sets out the names and size of the various sections of the Orchestra. Later I asked questions about its composition.

Apartment from the conductor (Arrigo Foa), this Orchestra consists of 31 string players, made up of 8 first and 2 second violins, 6 violas, 7 cellos and 3 string bass, 18 woodwind and brass players and one percussionist. This makes a total of 48 players. I enquired as to how many of these were professional in the sense of having had previous experience in playing in a professional symphony orchestra, and discovered that 5 or 6 had. That leaves 42 players who presumably have had no such experience. Naturally the calibre of this major portion must vary considerably.

Rehearsals

The BBC Symphony Orchestra has over 100 players; the conductor of the Japanese Orchestra in Tokyo told me when he passed through Hongkong recently that his orchestra numbered 120; regional British Orchestras vary from 65 to 85. Ensembles like the London Mozart players (whose repertoire is largely confined to the works of Haydn and Mozart) are about 35 strong. Of course every player in such orchestras is a highly trained and experienced professional musician in the fullest sense.

I enquired how often the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra rehearsed. Once per week for two hours was the reply. Professional orchestras spend a good deal of time travelling as well as playing, but when at home, rehearsals

Expectations
Grieg's Piano Concerto with Irene Yuen as soloist was the second and principal item on the first half of the programme. Much was expected of Miss Yuen and she fully came up to expectations. It seems that yesterday that she played the Coaxer Frank Variations with the old Sino-British Orchestra. Since that time she has studied for three years in the United States under Mieczyslaw Munz (himself well-known as a concert pianist to old residents in the Far East).

Technically Miss Yuen is a most accomplished pianist; as far as my ear could judge, there was not a faulty note, and the orchestra and she seemed to blend and answer one another in perfect harmony as the music progressed. This concerto is a very romantic work, and I think the artist should not be afraid to take the little liberties with tempo and rhythm which the heart demands in the portrayal of such music—for example, the momentary hesitation at certain vital notes. I think she need have no fear that the orchestra will follow her. Of all the concertos I have heard this orchestra play in recent years, this is certainly one of their best.

We have had so many visiting pianists recently that it was a very real pleasure to see an accomplished Hongkong artist playing with a Hongkong Orchestra. This young artist is a very fine pianist indeed, and we are fortunate in having her here in Hongkong. I look forward with anticipation to hearing a great deal more of her in the future. Artistic standards are not raised in a community by merely listening to distinguished visiting artists. Such men and women may, if they are good enough, inspire one to greater effort, but it is local artistic talent which by encouragement and support will ultimately make for high standards of performance.

Ambitious

The second half of the programme was devoted to Beethoven's Pastoral Symphony, which according to comment heard on Radio Hongkong a few days ago, was described as "ambitious" for the local orchestra to tackle. It was indeed ambitious for a basically amateur orchestra of 48 players to attempt one of the later Beethoven symphonies. The fact that the orchestra gave a good performance, by any standard, simply shows what incredible things can be done with a body of keen players. And there is, after all, something rather wonderful about a "live" orchestral performance, which can never be quite imitated in "record" music although science has gone a long way these days in having a good try.

Perhaps the highlight of the performance was the nightingale, quail, cuckoo chorals at the end of the second movement (Scene by the brook). The woodwind soloists and the orchestra did this extremely well with a fine professional touch. Defects of course there were. The tempo of the third movement (Merry-maiden) was slower than usual. But the conductor no doubt knew his orchestra. There are difficult horn passages here. There was no noticeable fluffing of horn notes, the intonation throughout was good, and I think it better to accept the fact that a slightly slower tempo was inevitable.

Again it is just not possible to get the full effect of the "Storm" with three string basses and an orchestra of 48 most of whom are not professional players. They did remarkably well, but nevertheless there were certain moments in the "Storm" when one longed for an orchestra of 80 players. An increased standard can only be achieved by increasing the size of the orchestra, and not by the shoutings of a few uninformed people, crying for a higher standard of performance because they recognise in some vague way that something could be improved.

The "Storm"

I would like to see six desks of strings on each side of the conductor instead of four, and more cellos and basses. Then we would have the "Storm" as it should be played. In the absence of a school of music in Hongkong it is to be hoped that every good string player in the colony will join the ranks of this Orchestra, which will enable it to get that surge of string tone which the music of the romantic and modern composers calls for.

I am very happy to say "thank you" to the Philharmonic Society for giving us a most enjoyable concert. It is to be regretted that the public of Hongkong did not turn out in greater numbers. It was by no means a "god house". It is remarkable how little the European community in Hongkong patronises concerts. Occasionally, however, some attraction takes their fancy—for example, at the William Warfield recital last week they turned out in strength. There is no doubt that one factor responsible for the poor "house" is the multiplicity of concerts taking place this month. People just do not have the money to spend on them all. However, for those who do, there is a repeat performance of the Hongkong Philharmonic Society's concert with Irene Yuen, in Kowloon on Wednesday.

QUEEN SORAYA SAID CLOSE TO NERVOUS BREAKDOWN

Cologne, Mar. 16.
Close to a nervous breakdown, Queen Soraya today discussed her future in a family conference at the Iranian embassy residence here today.

According to Embassy spokesmen, Soraya's condition, on which public interest dies down.

Unconfirmed reports "variously" said Soraya has chosen Switzerland, Austria, Portugal or South America. Other reports have said she will stay some time in South America to overcome her grief over her broken marriage and then settle permanently in Switzerland or Austria.

Soraya's mother, Berlin-born Countess Endersburg, wife of the Iranian Ambassador to West Germany Khalil Eftandiary Bakhtiari, told reporters her daughter is completely exhausted.

This was backed up by the family doctor, who said Soraya needs a complete rest to regain full health.—United Press.

THE camera boys are good at their job now, and the soloists tackle their assignments well, the close-ups provide good viewing material. To see this done really well, look in at the Guy Lombardo half-hour feature. Our local band leaders could learn quite a lot there.

While on the subject of music on TV, I want to say something about the Wednesday TV Concert Miniature. This is a programme which introduces our local musicians to the TV screen. Now, I myself, am not too exacting, and as long as a performance is pleasing, I ask for little more. But on the other hand, there are many good musicians in the Colony to whom the following must be painfully obvious.

Too many of our local aspirants are finding their way into public programmes in general and TV in particular, before they are ready to appear. And many of them will never be ready to appear. Now surely it is also obvious to the least discerning that a performance, given over TV where the unmerciful camera plans the soloist for a quarter of an hour must be a performance of more than passing value.

Now take the pianoforte recitals. During this past month we had soloists before the camera who have not the slightest idea of what is pianoforte music, leaving out for the moment the question of technique and the pieces of their choice.

A popular serenade, originally written for voice, or later scored for orchestra, can be pleasing, and in the hands of a skilled pianist who has a strong, sustained style in which the melody sings against a lighter left hand accompaniment, it can be melodious.

But when it is played by one who has no idea of phrasing, and who produces arrogant, flat notes to the original key, that is going too far. Also in this programme we have had singers singing in Chinese, the Teutonic and Romance languages, and equally out of tune and out of key in all three.

As artists, I have very little fault to find with their manner, for in that they lack nothing. In fact, as musicians, they have everything a musician requires except to appear, and to see what talent there is in the Colony.

THOSE who like informative programmes might like to look in on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. when "An Outing For Christopher" is shown. This is one of those clever features which opens with an uncle taking his nephew to a museum, and there they stop before a case containing copper relics. From that point you get the story of the use of copper through the ages. My emphasis on this programme is to suggest it as the means of using TV as a visual aid to education.

TELEVISION
feature film is "Long Dark Hall" which brings Lilli Palmer and Rex Harrison to the screen. My reason for emphasising this evening feature is that Lilli Palmer, the actress and Lilli Palmer, the TV comedienne, seem to me such different persons. What has intrigued me is her wide cultural range as exhibited during her Thursday night feature. She holds the whole world of the arts in fee, and her interest is not synthetic, as for instance, in talking to Sir Cedric Hardwicke this week, she has over time and had to be signalled from the control room. They happened at the time to be discussing Ellen Terry, and the studio audience were as lost in the programme as they were. Which all made a very interesting feature of TV at its best.

Telecrit By JOHN LUFF

FREDDY Abrahams and his Rockets take over the Monday Band Box programme beginning this evening bringing yet another combination before the TV camera.

This band will introduce a different routine in that they are performing without a singer, but will hand over the solo sequences to the different instrumentalists of the band. This quarter of an hour's feature could be made really something if the band leaders used a bit of imagination and studied the TV technique.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Washington Proposes "Pump-Priming" Schemes Hopes For An End To US Recession

Review Of Week's US Economy

New York, Mar. 16. Washington continued to propose huge "pump-priming" schemes this week, but the belief grew among economists and businessmen that only a sharp upturn in consumer spending could quickly end the American recession.

With Spring—traditionally a season for healthy spurts in retail sales—only a week away, there was still no sign of the customary consumer buying spree.

If Spring buying fails to develop, there seemed little likelihood that any government action—spending, tax cuts or easy money—could have any appreciable effect before Autumn. Summer has always been the worst period of business doldrums.

Developments this week included:

● President Eisenhower proposed a public spending programme totalling more than \$7 billion for "genuinely needed" public works. More fence outlays, particularly in high unemployment areas; temporary federal unemployment compensation for the jobless who have exhausted state benefits; and release of \$200 million for the Federal National Mortgage Association to pay for instead of the market price for government-backed mortgages.

● President Eisenhower discussed and Vice President Nixon urged tax cuts for both individuals and business, but the final decision was delayed until "the impact of current developments on the future course of the economy has been clarified."

● Six of the 12 regional Federal Reserve Banks cut their discount rates to 2½ per cent, compared with the 3 per cent rate prevailing until mid-January, when 11 of the Banks dropped the rate to 2½ per cent. The other six Banks were expected to follow suit quickly. It was a move toward easing credit to increase the money in circulation.

● A Commerce Department survey showed that businessmen planned to spend only \$32 billion on new plants and equipment this year, compared with last year's record figure of nearly \$37 billion. It was a slash of 13 per cent and a body blow to boom resumption hopes.

● The government revealed that unemployment in February reached a total of 5,173,000—the highest figure in 16 years. It represented 6.7 per cent of the civilian labour force.

● New car sales in February, according to *Wards* Automobile Reports, set a 63-month low of 321,400 units, with further production cutbacks in March and April considered certain. Dealer inventories, the Report said, are "crowding the all-time high of 880,000 units."

Against this gloomy background, economists and commentators agreed that the consumer rather than the government held the real key to the economic lifeline.

The experts point out that consumer spending for services—hair cuts, taxi fares, medical care—and for non-durable goods—clothes, food—have held up well and have cushioned the decline in industrial production.

The consumer, economist A. W. Zolotnick commented, is "still living in the economy," accounting for 62 per cent of all the goods and services sold in the U.S. "There is a realization," he said, "that what the consumer does in coming week will be more decisive than action by government or business."

Arthur H. Motley, economist-publisher, attacked the theory that increased government spending could reverse the downturn. "There is no record in history of any government, anywhere, ever time, that, having spent its way out of a recession or a depression, has ever recovered," he said. "The only way the American

economy is going to expand once again and climb out of this present economic pit hole is to persuade the more than 60 million people currently employed to spend more."

This was the same view held by former Treasury Secretary George Humphrey, who once said: "You can't spend your way out of a recession."

George Shea, writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, took the view that any immediate upturn is unlikely. "The current recession in business," he wrote, "may be getting very close to its bottom, the chart picture that most nearly fits the average recession is that of a saucer, and every good saucer must have a flat place where the cup sits."—*United Press.*

The London Stock Market

London, Mar. 16. The markets had a very uncertain week, much more influenced apparently by American business news than by American stock movements.

A number of good company reports—Ford Motors, Hudsons Bay and English Electric—failed to stem a steady retreat from the market, which lowered the index of industrial shares from last week's close of 102.8 to this week's 100.0.

Sterling was steady, rising 1/16 during the week, but at the end Old Consols had lost 6/3, War Loan 10/- and Funding 4 per cents, 17/6.

Leading industrials drifted lower, but they were never alarming. Losses of 1 shilling were numerous among the best known—Courtaulds, Ford Motors, Unilever and Woolworths.

Oils were irregular. Ultramar was the strongest, showing a rise of 5/- to 66/- Royal Dutch improved 2/0. Other news was known lost around 1 shilling.

The most surprising feature in foreign bonds was the demand for dirt-cheap Chinese bonds, now selling for between 9 and 11 sterling per 100 sterling bond. New buyers lifted the prices by ¼ to ¾ sterling.

German Dawes and Young Loans non-assented rose ½ sterling and the assented 2½ sterling—all of them now at their 12-month high—while the assented gained 1 sterling, also to a new high.

Japanese non-assented of the 1910s and the Tokyo 6½ per cents jumped 2 sterling. Those of the 1890s and the 1930s jumped 1½ sterling and others ½ sterling.

Dollar stocks improved this past week, with the exception of U.S. Steel and Bethlehem Steel, which were both down. The premium, which measures British demand, improved from 0½ per cent to 0¾ per cent.—*United Press.*

Agreed Merchant Rates

West German Deutschmarks: Maximum Selling, 72-5/10.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$262,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HK Bank		310	
INSURANCES			
Union	71		
SHIPPING			
Wharfedale	5.05	6.05	2000
DOCKS, ETC.			
Wharf	121		
Dock	54.50	100	54
President	11.00	12.30	
President (N)	10.90		
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	15.70	15.90	500
			1000
			200
			2000
			15.00
HK Land	31.50	32.25	
Humphreys XD	14.90		
Really	1.35	1.375	
RUBBER			
Amalg	1.225	1.275	10000
UTILITIES			
Yankee XD	22.70		
Yankee	10.50	10.50	
C. Light	17	17.20	100
			200
			17.10
Electric	25.00	25	500
Tei XD	24.70	25	500
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement XD	21.20	500	20.00
		100	20.00
Rope	14.50		
Amoy Can	39		
SPOOLS, ETC.			
Dairy	10.00	10.30	267
			1500
			10.10
Watson	11.00	11.00	
L. Crow	15.10		
Silver	3.45		1000
Wing On	74		
(HK)			
COTTONS			
Textile	4.00	4.05	4000
			1000
			4.025
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yankee	5.45		
HK & FE			
Invest	9.80		

Singapore Stocks

Singapore, Mar. 17.

Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Opening
Batu Lintang Rubber Co.	\$1.775
British Borneo Petroleum	39s
Sydney	27s 0d
Consolidated	\$2.65
Fraser & Neave Ltd Ord.	\$4.05
Fraser & Neave Ltd Pref.	\$4.25
Gambetta (Malaya) Ltd.	\$4.40
Banking Corp. Shanghai	\$4.40
Hongkong Tin Ltd.	\$4.34
Kuala Lumpur Tin	\$1.35
Kuala Lumpur Tin	\$1.35
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd.	\$1.05
Malayan Breweries	\$5.35
New Serendah Rubber Co.	\$2.40
Lat Pau	\$1.00
Peitang Hotel	\$2.25
Singapore Cold Storage	\$4.05
Straits Trading	\$1.35
Straits Steamship	\$1.05
United Engineers Ord.	\$1.25
Wong Yee	\$1.25
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Dunlop's Offer Accepted

London, Mar. 16. Directors of John Bull Rubber Co., Ltd. announced that acceptance of the offer made by Dunlop Rubber Co. to acquire the whole of the £555,558 issued ordinary stock of John Bull have been received from holders of over 90 per cent of that stock.

The directors of Dunlop Rubber have accordingly stated that their offer is now unconditional.

They have, however, extended the period for acceptances until March 31 in order to allow the holders of the remaining stock who have not so far accepted to do so.—*China Mail Special.*

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	5.83
Sterling (per £1)	10.77
Australian notes (per £1)	12.45
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	11.00
Bank of India (per 100)	12.45
Singapore (Straits)	1.00

Layoffs In US Auto, Steel Industries

New York, Mar. 16. One plant stepped up production yesterday in anticipation of a quickening demand, but elsewhere there were new layoffs in auto, steel and other industries and New York State reported a further rise in the number of its registered unemployed, reflecting the slump's impact on heavy industry.

Buckling the stream was the Flintkote Co., which boosted their production to three shifts a day, seven days a week, at its Meridian, Mississippi plant. The unit had been on a five-day week for a year. Officials said the move was to meet an increased demand for insulation board in anticipation of spring construction.

At Lansing, Michigan, the Oldsmobile and Fisher body plants of General Motors Corp. shut down operations until Monday, laying off some 18,250 employees, because of mounting dealer inventories of automobiles.

A spokesman said 250 Oldsmobile workers will not be recalled on Monday because of adjusted production schedules.

CLOSE DOWN

The Alan Wood Steel Co. plans to close down one of its two blast furnaces within a week. Mr. Harleston Wood, President, said in Philadelphia that business was lagging and inventories were unbalanced.

The company is operating four of its eight open hearths, but may cut this to three before the month is out.

The Bigelow Sanford Carpet Co. announced in Thompsonville, Connecticut, it would stop making velvet and yarns on March 27, adding 700 persons to the jobless toll.

The company said European and Japanese imports, which undersold domestic products, had cut sharply into its volume.

The New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. laid off 225 men in its plant department. A spokesman cited a "decline in demand for new telephone service and a resultant drop in the work load." This is the company's first recent layoff.

The number of New York State residents claiming unemployment benefits mounted to 442,000 last week, up 4,500 from the previous week and 77 per cent above the year ago figure.

Mr. Isador Lubin, Industrial Commissioner, said the rise reflected new layoffs in auto plants and other heavy industry as well as secondary effects of the dress, trade strike. Many other establishments contributed, he added.—*China Mail Special.*

AUSTRALIA'S WOOL SALES DROP

Sydney, Mar. 16. Australia's wool cheque for the first eight months of the 1957-58 season showed a 2.55 million Australian drop compared with last year's income for the same period, the Australian Woolgrowers Council said today.

In the eight months ended February 28 this year, 800 million pounds (weight) of wool were sold for £240 million Australian. In the same period 1956-57 802 million pounds (weight) were sold for £250 million Australian.

Main overseas buyers of Australian wool over the past two seasons have been Britain, Japan, France and Italy.—*Teut.*

MARSHALL WANTS TRADE WITH CHINA

Singapore, Mar. 16. The former Chief Minister of Singapore, Mr. David Marshall, said today Singapore should establish permanent trade missions in Peking and Canton immediately.

Mr. Marshall was addressing two new branches of his leftist Workers Party.

In the next 10 years, he said, China would become an important force in world trade.

"It is for Singapore to pay a strong part in China's trade," Mr. Marshall said.

"Singapore can profit as an honest broker by the growing power of China,"—*Reuter.*

The New York Cotton Market

By WILLIAM PLUNKETT

New York, Mar. 16. Cotton futures turned irregular this past week after new crop deliveries again spurred to seasonal highs.

At Friday's close the last ruled 7 to 12 up 24 points, or 35 cents lower to \$1.40 a bale higher than the preceding week.

Political considerations, revolving around farm legislation, continued to be the dominant factor in the deferred months. Old crop deliveries faltered after earlier strength, reflecting pressure of last-minute liquidation of the March delivery, before its expiration on Thursday, and the repetitive complaints of slow textile buying and sluggishness in the spot cotton market. Some textile plants indicated plans for additional production cutbacks.

Senate defeat of legislation intended to grant a 30 per cent emergency increase in cotton acreage, and subsequent approval of additional funds for the soil bank, supplied the buying incentives in new crop months.

Also, more attention was turned to the preliminary new crop picture. Persistently cold and rainy weather has delayed planting and seeding operations over wide sections. Some planted sections will have to be reseeded.

If unfavourable weather continues, crop experts said there will be reason for real concern over the situation, even this early in the season. As a general rule, they said, the yield per acre tends to decline as planting is overly delayed with the much smaller acreage in prospect this year, high yields per acre are imperative, they felt.

House-Senate approval of an additional \$250,000,000 for soil bank programme means upwards of 5,000,000 acres probably will be retired from cultivation this year. The 1958 acreage allotment for 1958 is 17,000,000. Depleting 5,000,000 acres, means the prospective growing area will be down to

US COTTON GOODS MARKET

New York, Mar. 16. Quick settlement of the dressmakers strike, and the approach of Easter, brightened the picture in textile markets here this past week.

Results of pre-Easter retail selling proved favourable, an improvement in cloth buying is expected to materialise rapidly.

But buyers of grey and finished cotton goods, for apparel use, continued to operate on a hand-to-mouth basis.

The cautious policy in lightweight fabrics was matched in heavyweight industrial fabrics. Duck cloth jobbers were reported cutting prices in a struggle to "fatten the order book." The last substantial movement in duck cloths gave the mills a sold-ahead position through March.

As the backlog melts away, potential buyers kept pressing for lower prices on new contract purchases.

But the mills resisted the pressure. They kept emphasising the rising cost of raw cotton, and held the price line. Interest in coating fabrics continued slow. Although releases from auto makers continued small, nevertheless they "keep trickling in," brokers said.

Under-bidding on print goods for later deliveries became more persistent. Buyers ideas on the basic 60-square four-yard print, for second and third quarters, were around 17 cents, or ¼ to ½ under the going market. Mills flatly refused to entertain the bids. Some producers announced plans to make further production cutbacks rather than "build stocks for the warehouse."

Hard fibres continued to give ground. Durlap prices eased when Calcutta sellers moved goods below the informal "book" prices agreed upon a week ago. Lower prices for some sisal grades brought more price checking, but interest in Manila hemp was reported the slowest it has been for some weeks past.—*United Press.*

The New York Stock Market

By ELMER WALZER

New York, Mar. 16. Stocks extended their gains in more active markets during the past week. But the best performers—packing shares, metals, camera issues, building equipments and road builders—were outside the groups making up the leading averages.

They rose substantially while the leading stocks scored much smaller advances.

At the week-end the Dow-Jones industrial average stood at 433.04 up 1.55 points on the week; rails 100.37 up 1.56; and utilities 73.12 up 0.07. Last week these averages rose 11.57 points; 1.74 points and 0.50 point respectively.

Railroad issues which for a long time have been under pressure scored further gains and led the market in two sessions despite the fact there was another sharp year-to-year decline in car loadings, the 30th in a row.

Gains outnumbered losses 700 to 443. A total of 106 issues out of 1,378 issues traded held unchanged. New highs were in the ratio of 83 to 11 for new lows.

It was a week of good and bad news for the market with the bad news ignored most of the time. The market liked further tendencies toward easier money, moves to increase government spending, especially in the housing field, and a statement by the head of Anaconda Copper Company that the copper inventories of the current slump should bring an immediate rise in the copper price.

The street didn't like a further rise in unemployment which had been anticipated and it also was unimpressed with earnings reports.

The market all but reached its top for the year. Traders noted that when the average got near the 458 level the market encountered resistance. Should there be a break through on the upside on volume, market men foresee a rise to new highs for the year but they look for strong resistance in the 470 area which is some 17 points above the current price mark.

The statement on copper helped send copper shares up 2 to more than 4 points. Anaconda rose more than 2, Kennecott and Inspiration more than 3 and Magna 4½ points.

Demand for the packing issue came when market analysis forecast better earnings for the group. Wilson rose more than 2 and gains of more than a point appeared in Armour, Swift, Morrell, and Cudahy.

A move to pump more federal funds into housing gave the building issues a lift. Pittsburgh Plate Glass rose nearly 5 points and gains more than 3 points appeared in Minneapolis Honeywell regular and Trans. Flintkote rose more than 2 points.

Aluminum shares rose with the coppers. Gains in that

group ranged to more than 3 points in Kaiser and 2½ points in Alcoa.

Lorillard's headforges greater use of cigarettes and his stock rose nearly 8 points and led the whole market in volume. Gains of more than 2 points each appeared in American Tobacco, Reynolds, and Philip Morris.

The camera issues, except Eastman, got a whirl with new highs in Polaroid, up \$3, and Bell & Howell, up more than 3 points. Some of the drugs moved up. Kroger was up more than 3 in the store issues. Caterpillar Tractor and Jaeger Machine were strong in the group that would benefit from expansion of the highway programme.

Shell Oil rose more than 2 points but the general run of oils did little or nothing on the week. Neither did the motors although General Motors managed to finish the week with a 50 cents rise. Some chemicals improved.

Florida Power & Light was a strong utility. Chance Vought ran up 3½ in an otherwise narrowly irregular aircraft department. Bath Iron Works lost 4½ points in the shipbuilders where General Dynamics was down 2 points. Lukens Steel rose more than 4 points and Carpenter Steel more than 3. Leading stocks were mixed. Sales averaged 2,401,368 shares for the week against 2,090,327 shares daily in the previous week.—*United Press.*

Bank Of England Statement

London, Mar. 16. The Bank of England statement for the week ended March 12, reads as follows:

Notes in circulation	£1,978,423,491
Public deposits	14,070,105
Private deposits	280,953,315
Government securities	220,947,315
Other securities	47,510,114
Receipts	2,582,510
Ratio	—

—*United Press.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

B LEAGUE?

To The Editor, China Mail.

Sir.—In your issue of March 14, in a China Mail Special despatch, you quoted a Lieutenant-General Lewis Hersey as saying, inter alia, ".... (Britain) now is playing in a class B league, she is not a major league any more."

Mr. Editor, I am, I am certain, quite a few of your readers are getting a little tired of being subjected to disparaging remarks such as this about Britain by every flannel-mouthed American general who is called upon to testify before a Congressional Committee.

Evidently this Hersey has forgotten—or probably never learned—that for several years in both World Wars, Britain stood alone in the "front line," and now, thanks to Mr. Macmillan (and his American ancestry), we are being jockeyed into a position where this will happen again with, this time, possibly decisively catastrophic results so far as the inhabitants of the United Kingdom are concerned.

This, obviously, is not where a B league should find itself! On the face of it, therefore, it would appear to be advisable that we begin to play with our many friends in the B league and leave the two self-anointed Big Leaguers to slug it out on their own.

Were this to happen, my prediction is that when it was all over, we would see Hersey and his pals flat on their backs—not Mr. Khrushchev!

REMEMBER SPUTNIK.

Man And Child Hurt

A 41-year-old man was knocked down by a tram in King's Road, near its junction with Tin Hau Temple Road, at about 12.45 p.m. on Saturday.

The man, Chan Cheng-heong, was slightly injured. He was carrying a two-year-old boy, Chan Yel-tun, at the time of the accident. The boy sustained serious injuries and was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital.

Couple Robbed

A Chinese couple were accosted by four Chinese men, three of them armed with knives, near Lion Rock at about 2.40 p.m. yesterday.

The robbers stole two wrist watches, a fountain pen and a pencil, valued at \$50, before escaping.

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Stop Breeding Mosquitoes

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

The Urban Council launched its Anti-Mosquito Campaign Week today and called on every citizen of the Colony to play his part in stopping the breeding of mosquitoes.

The Pest Control Select Committee of the Urban Council, at a Press conference this morning, asked the public to carry out effective control measures, i.e., the prevention of any unnecessary accumulation of stagnant water and the destruction of mosquito breeding places.

"Deny the mosquito water and you deny it life," the Committee said in describing measures the householder should take.

Mosquitoes breed only in water. Water collected anywhere is capable of forming potential breeding places for mosquitoes, e.g., water in roof-lunks, kongs, drums, wells, discarded tins and jars, flower vases, flower pots, flower pot saucers, unused aquariums, discarded domestic receptacles, excavations, puddles, ends of bamboo and other scaffoldings (on building sites) and hollows in trees.

It is therefore obvious that the effective measures to eliminate mosquito breeding is to ensure that there is no unnecessary accumulation of stagnant water in the house. By doing so, there will be no place for the female mosquitoes to lay their eggs.

Reminder

Householders are reminded to throw into the dustbin all discarded receptacles and then firmly replace the lid; turn empty kongs, drums and unused aquariums up side down so that water may not collect in them; change the water in vases frequently; get rid of any collections of water in flower pots, flower pot saucers and other discarded domestic receptacles; fill in the hollows in trees and the ends in bamboo and scaffoldings, which are all likely mosquito breeding places.

Special attention should be paid to building sites since excavations, puddles, etc., may easily retain water which forms potential breeding places for mosquitoes.

Householders must also closely cover all rooftanks, kongs, drums, wells etc. at all times

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I keep telling George that the TV doesn't give us a chance to talk—but all he says is everything has some good points!"

US 'SPACESHIP' THREATENED BY FIRE

Dayton, Mar. 16.

A real fire today threatened the Air Force "spaceship" as it moved through its final orbit around the earth at the theoretical altitude of 17,650 miles.

During a four-hour photo-reconnaissance run, one of the final phases of the make-believe flight before returning to earth, a fire caused by "mechanical malfunction" broke out in the electric lavatory (sic).

Air force officials said the lavatory had a door on it which covered an incinerator chamber. The door failed to close all the way and generated a great deal of smoke.

The authorities said the five-man crew of officers apparently was unaware of the fire, which they said could have been disastrous had the men been on a real space flight.

Replaced

Officials observe outside the mock space ship called the fire department and the lavatory was replaced by a chemical-type lavatory. This was done, they said, by just pulling it out and replacing it without the crew's knowledge.

The authorities said the crew sensed something had happened when the lavatory was replaced. But they apparently did not know of the fire because the air conditioning kept them from smelling the smoke.

The crew completed the photo run without further incident by about 2 p.m.

The final 17 minutes before the mock plane cabin lands at 9 a.m. on Monday are the most crucial, officials said, and it is possible a crash could occur should something go wrong.

As the men approach the ground, they will be given certain tasks to perform relative to the landing.

Making contact with base officials 17 minutes before the scheduled landing, the men will be talked in "on a regular ground controlled approach as though actually landing," officials said.

Holding Up Well

The men appear to be holding up very well on their mythical flight. Being conducted by the Wright Air Development centre near here to determine the endurance of men in long space flights.

Observers said they heard the men through the cabin's intercom phone system discussing the problems of space flight and what it would be like—United Press.

Government Accused Of Breach Of Faith By Humphreys

The Chairman of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at their annual meeting today, accused Government of a breach of faith in promising the company a grant of a lot of land in May Road and then putting it up for public auction.

The Chairman (Mr. E. R. Childs) said the company, following a verbal agreement with Government, had undertaken the work of culverting and converting a nullah into a car parking area when they were informed, in February 1956, that the lot would be auctioned.

The company was outbid at the auction and the lot went to other purchasers.

Mr. Childs said that if the conditions of the sale should be altered in future, Humphreys would take the matter up in the highest quarters to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if necessary.

Parking Area

The Chairman made his statement in reply to a question by Mr. B. W. Brabury, who asked: "As a shareholder and a tenant of 'Clovelly Court' I am most interested in knowing what is the present position regarding the parking area in May Road."

The Chairman replied: "When we were building Clovelly, it was necessary to do some work in culverting the nullahs running through our property and adjacent land."

"While we were doing this, it occurred to us that it would improve the district and facilitate the widening and straightening of May Road if the deep nullah opposite 'Albion Hall' were to be culverted and converted into a car parking area, which is badly needed in this district."

"We approached the Director of Public Works, who agreed on the desirability of improving May Road and particularly of providing a parking area for cars."

"It was agreed verbally that, if Humphreys undertook the work of culverting, we should be granted the land to be used for purposes of a loop road and public car park only."

"We accordingly carried out a survey and plans were approved by the Government for culverting to be done to PWD requirements."

Astonishment

"At the same time we applied to the Government for the promised grant of the land; but, to our astonishment, when the culverts had been built with PWD assets and were practically complete, we were informed in February, 1956 that the lot would be put up for public auction."

"Our protests at this breach of faith were disregarded and, after lengthy correspondence, the lot was put up for auction in April, 1957, subject to special conditions of which the following were two:

"The lot may only be used as a private car park and no buildings shall be erected thereon."

"The purchaser shall form at his own expense the whole of the area to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works within six months from the date of sale."

"We were unfortunately outbid at the auction and the lot went to other owners."

"As no work towards forming the site (as required by the conditions) had been done within the required six months and the lot was still in its unsightly condition, we reminded Government in October, 1957 of the expiry of the time and were informed that further time would be granted for the filling. Nevertheless, little, if anything, has yet been done despite the passage of a further five months."

"Shortly after the sale by auction we indicated to Government our hope, as owners of many properties in the district, that no modification of the special conditions under which this lot was sold should be made in future; and requested an assurance to this effect, stressing that our sole desire was to maintain and improve the amenities in May Road as a residential area."

Not Prepared

"In reply the Director of Public Works informed us in May, 1957, that he was not prepared to give such an assurance to our company, but he noted our desire to maintain and improve the amenities of this residential district."

"I cannot conceive that, in view of the circumstances I have described, the Government will allow the site to be used except as an open space; in fact I have no hesitation in saying that we would take the matter up in the highest quarters—going to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, if necessary—were any suggestion made of the conditions being altered so as to permit development other than as a car park."

"It would be morally quite unjustifiable for the conditions to be altered, since the land was put up to auction on the clearest possible terms that it would remain an open space, and we were outbid on the basis of these terms."

At the close of the meeting, the Chairman reported that Mr. C. Blaker, the company's oldest director, had intimated his desire to retire from the board of directors on his leaving the Colony this month.

"Mr. Blaker has been on the board since July, 1947, and his assistance and experience has always been freely put at the disposal of the board. I am sure that shareholders will join with me in conveying to him our thanks for his most valuable services to the company and our good wishes for a long and happy retirement in England."

From the Files 25 years AGO

LOS ANGELES, pleasure city of California, home of the great film industry, venue of the Olympic Games, has been rocked to its foundations by the worst earthquake in American history since the San Francisco disaster of 1904. Since 5.55 p.m. on Friday (February 23) successive shocks have caused enormous damage to loss of life from the Mexican border to Santa Barbara. The famous Long Beach is a mess of blazing ruins. Hospitals are overcrowded and it is impossible to estimate accurately the number of dead and injured. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the country and President Roosevelt is extending all possible Government assistance.

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In conformity with the decision recently taken by the Congress of Jewish Rabbis in Jerusalem, the association of Polish and Lithuanian rabbis decreed that March 27 be observed as a day of mourning and fasting in protest against the country and people which every form of religion is subjected in the Soviet Union.

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SCREEN Grid writes in the "Listeners' Club"—In more than one continental town there is raging and gnashing of teeth because the local authorities have made it a condition of the receipt of unemployment pay that no wireless set be in the house. There are two conflicting views of the meaning of this action. The one is that it is to prevent unemployed persons from listening all day so that they will not be looking for work. The other view is that if they listen for long to the programme, they will not be able to work!

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The Japanese Navy's first attempt to construct a ruthless warship has met with success in the first-class destroyer Hatsukuru, 1,380 tons, which was launched at the Sagami naval dockyard recently. In view of the critical moment Japan now faces, the period of fitting out the destroyer will be much reduced, it is learned.

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A MERE Male writes to Abigail in the Woman's World—Dear Abigail: Marriage—two curse it, worship it, dodge it, embrace it, recommend it and endure it. Those who are in want to get out and those who are out of it want to get in. Or, as someone said recently, it's a beautiful, drab, thrilling, loving, delightfully variegated and paradoxical mistake, too enticing to avoid. As you can see, I am married. Yesterday, you wrote something about bridal veils. My wife knows all about bridal veils. So why not write tomorrow something that will show her how to remove cigarette burns from the carpets, preserve the crease in my pants or prevent my cardigan from stretching at what do you call them—the hips. Yours expectantly. P.S.—I like Pork Pie!

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While walking along Jordan Road at noon on Saturday, Miss H. D. Sawyer, headmistress of the Diocesan Girls' School, had her handbag snatched from her by a Chinese who had approached her from behind. The handbag contained \$50. Miss Sawyer struggled with the man and cried for help. In the struggle, the man dropped the handbag and as the alarm had been given, he made off down Chi Wo Street and disappeared.

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PENANG—An alarming experience befell the British India liner "Rohina" about 1 o'clock in the morning. While on her way from Singapore she encountered a severe storm and while passing through it she was struck by lightning and her telegraph cables were away. She berthed at Swettenham Pier here this morning when the top of her aftermost could be seen to be missing while the main stem remained slightly charred. Her wireless aerial appeared to be intact.

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St Patrick's Day



In observance of St Patrick's Day, Prof. Benjamin Harrison, President of St Patrick's Society (above), laid a wreath in the shape of the traditional harp of Ireland at the Cenotaph, Statue Square, this morning.

Also present were Dr A. W. Dawson-Grove, Vice-President, and other members of the Society and its committee.

Two minutes' silence was observed. Two Royal Navy buglers sounded Last Post and Reveille.

INSPECTION OF KAI TAK

Mr Eugene Melville, Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Colonial Office, who arrived here last Friday, made an official tour of Kai Tak airport this morning.

Accompanied by the Director of Civil Aviation, Mr M. T. Muspratt Williams, Mr Melville inspected the existing airport and its operation and the new runway and building work now going on.

Mr Melville came here last Friday in the course of an official tour of Far East colonial territories. He is staying in Hongkong for six days.